ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Falmouth

ALSO OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917.

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FALMOUTH, MASS.
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Town Officers of Falmouth, 1917

Town Clerk and Treasurer

WILLIAM H. HEWINS,	Term expires 1918

Selectmen

JOHN F. DONALDSON,	Term expires 1918
ARTHUR UNDERWOOD,	Term expires 1919
JOHN P. SWIFT,	Term expires 1920

Assessors

JOHN F. DONALDSON,	Term expires 1918
ARTHUR UNDERWOOD,	Term expires 1919
JOHN P. SWIFT,	Term expires 1920

Overseers of the Poor

ANDREW W. DAVIS,	Term expires 1918
THEODORE M. DAVIS,	Term expires 1919
ASA L. PATTEE,	Term expires 1920

Board of Health

T. LAWRENCE SWIFT,	Term expires 1918
LOMBARD C. JONES,	Term expires 1919
GEORGE E. F. DONKIN,	Term expires 1920

School Committee

FREDERICK K. SWIFT,	Term expires 1918
HENRY G. HADDON,	Term expires 1918
CHARLES S. BURGESS,	Term expires 1919
HIRAM F. HALL,	Term expires 1919
MARY D. CRAIG,	Term expires 1920
JAMES NICOL,	Term expires 1920

Trustees of the Public Library

E. PIERSON BEEBE,	Term expires 1918
SEBA A. HOLTON,	Term expires 1919
HENRY HERBERT SMYTHE,	Term expires 1920

Water Commissioners

SEBA A. HOLTON,	Term expires 1918
EUGENE E. C. SWIFT, JR.,	Term expires 1919
CHARLES E. HALL,	Term expires 1920

Moderator

SEBA A. HOLTON, Term expires 1918

Park Commissioners

CHARLES S. BAKER, Term expires 1918
JOHN A. DAVIS, Term expires 1919
ELLIS M. LEWIS, Term expires 1920

Collector of Taxes

RAWSON C. JENKINS, Term expires 1918

Highway Surveyor

NATHAN S. ELLIS, Term expires 1918

Tree Warden

WILLIAM W. ELDREDGE, JR., Term expires 1918

Auditors

ALVIN F. BOURNE, Term expires 1918
EUGENE P. HATCH, Term expires 1918
GEORGE N. TOBEY, Term expires 1918

Herring Committee

WINFIELD S. BAKER, Term expires 1918
EPHRAIM T. DAVIS, Term expires 1918
WILLIAM P. DIMMICK, Term expires 1918

Constables

A. B. FISHER, HERBERT H. LAWRENCE, ALLEN B. HATCH
JOHN W. AVERY, CHARLES S. BAKER, LEVI C. CHASE
GEORGE E. NOYES, BARTLETT H. WRIGHT

Surveyors of Wood

T. Lawrence Swift, J. Everett Noyes, Lewis W. Smith
Sidney E. D. Studley, James J. Hatch, George N. Tobey
J. H. Kelley, Oliver M. Lawrence

Fence Viewers

Howard Swift, Charles H. Eldred, Sldney F. Peck
George N. Tobey

Field Drivers

Alvin F. Bourne, David E. Butler, Allen B. Hatch
Bartlett H. Wright, Herbert H. Lawrence, Charles S. Baker
Sidney W. Lawrence, Frederick A. Cahoon, Edgar Swett
Wallace Hatch

Surveyors of Lumber

John M. Howe, Clarence M. Gifford, Sheldon H. Cowen

Public Weighers

Edwin F. Lawrence,
Walter O. Luscombe,
Marion N. Lawrence,
R. F. Gifford,
William A. Driscoll,
T. Lawrence Swift,
M. E. Cook,
Harry V. White,
G. T. Landers
Adelbert E. Landers
John H. Kelley
William G. Cowell
H. F. Nye

Care of Public Wells

Wm. W. Eldredge, Jr.,
E. W. Fisher,
Jonathan H. Jones,
Hiram N. Lawrence
Ernest E, Hurrell

Superintendent of Schools

CARL HOLMAN

Board of Fire Engineers

H. V. Lawrence, Chief. Lewis C. Weeks, Clerk.

George E. David,
Howard R. Baker,
A. E. Adams,
William E. Lawrence,
J. Everett Noyes,
Charles H. Eldred
Charles B. Fisher
W. R. Grew

Forest Warden

HERBERT H. LAWRENCE

Deputy Forest Wardens

George E. Noyes,
J. Everett Noyes,
William A. Gifford,
Charles R. Nichols,
Charles E. Anderson,
Howard Swift,
Eugene P. Hatch,
James J. Hatch,
Lombard C. Jones,
Arnold J. Gifford,
James Nicol,
William E. Lawrence,
Wm. W. Eldredge, Jr.,
Wallace Hatch,
Lewis W. Smith
Eugene W. Fisher
Chas. H. Eldred
Laban T. Robbins
George N. Tobey
Amasa W. Baxter
Harry S. Phinney

Registrars of Voters

EDWARD E. KELLEY, GEORGE H. GREENE, JOHN H. KELLEY
Together with the Town Clerk

Sealer of Weights and Measurer

GEORGE CHANNING CLARK

Harbor Master

JOHN J. VEEDER

Inspector of Wires

HENRY H. TAYLOR

Annual Town Meeting—February 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1917

In conformity to a warrant issued in due form of law, the annual town election was this day held. Precinct No. 1 at Hose Hose, Woods Hole; Precinct No. 2, at the Town Hall, Village.

Azariah F. Crowell was warden in Precinct 1; Frederick K. Swift was warden in Precinct 2.

The polls in both Precincts were opened at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, and kept open until sun-down. Seven hundred and twenty-three votes were cast in both Precincts, ninety-nine of which were women's votes for school committee, and were cast for the following officers:

Moderator, one year—			
Seba A. Holton (elected and sworn)	had	538	votes
Town Clerk, one year—			
William H. Hewins (elected and sworn)	"	564	"
Town Treasurer, one year—			
William H. Hewins (elected and sworn)	"	542	"
Selectman, three years—			
John P. Swift (elected and sworn)	"	447	"
Le Roy F. Lawrence	"	199	"
Assessor, three years—			
John P. Swift (elected and sworn)	"	442	"
Le Roy F. Lawrence	"	197	"
Overseer of Poor, three years—			
Asa L. Pattee (elected and sworn)	"	497	"
Edwin J. Donnelly	"	145	"
School Committee, three years—			
Mary D. Craig (elected and sworn)	"	501	"
James Nicol (elected and sworn)	"	436	"
T. Lawrence Swift	"	348	"

Trustee Public Library, three years—

Henry Herbert Smythe (elected and sworn)	"	510	"

Water Commissioner, three years—

Charles E. Hall (elected and sworn)	"	383	"
George H. Turner	"	269	"

Park Commissioner, three years—

Ellis M. Lewis (elected and sworn)	"	520	"

Board of Health, three years—

George E. F. Donkin (elected and sworn)	"	510	"

Collector of Taxes, one year—

Rawson C. Jenkins (eletced and sworn)	"	420	"
Edgar S. Studley	"	227	"

Highway Surveyor, one year—

Thomas B. Landers (elected and sworn)	"	352	"
Nathan S. Ellis	"	309	"

Tree Warden, one year—

William W. Eldredge, Jr. (elected and sworn)	"	501	"

Auditors, one year—

Alvin F. Bourne (elected and sworn)	"	388	"
Eugene P. Hatch (elected and sworn)	"	453	"
George N. Tobey (elected and sworn)	"	455	"
Arnoldt H. Vedeler	"	237	"

Constables, one year—

John W. Avery (elected and sworn)	"	413	"
Charles S. Baker (elected and sworn)	"	379	"
Levi C. Chase (elected and sworn)	"	418	"
Allison B. Fisher (elected and sworn)	"	415	"
Allen B. Hatch (elected and sworn)	"	450	"
Herbert H. Lawrence (elected and sworn)	"	460	"
George E. Noyes (elected and sworn)	"	383	"
Bartlett H. Wright (elected and sworn)	"	304	"
Enoch I. Clegg	"	291	"
Henry W. F. Scannell	"	179	"

Herring Committee, one year—

Winfield S. Baker (elected and sworn)	"	312	"
Ephraim T. Davis (elected and sworn)	"	289	"
William P. Dimmick (elected and sworn)	"	384	"
Eugene E. Phinney	"	275	"
Benjamin F. Smalley	"	265	"

License Question—

Yes	" 238	"
No	" 370	"

Acceptance of Chapter 293, General Acts of 1916—

Yes	" 285	"
No	" 92	"

Acceptance of Chapter 59, Acts of 1916—

Yes	" 277	"
No	" 51	"

Aceptance of Chapter 153, Acts of 1916—

Yes	" 238	"
No	" 78	"

Acceptance of Chapter 240, Section 1, Acts of 1916—

Yes	" 268	"
No	" 61	"

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

The meeting was called to order at 9 o'clock by the moderator, Seba A. Holton. The reading of the warrant, by vote, was dispensed with, only the call for the meeting and the officer's return being read.

The moderator appointed Clarence M. Gifford, William W. Phinney, William A. Goodwin and Arthur C. Davis to act as floor tellers. George E. Noyes and Charles S. Baker were appointed as constables on the main floor and Levi C. Chase for the gallery.

Voted, that the sessions of the meeting be from 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 1.15 to 4 p. m.

Article 2. To choose all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

The following minor officers were appointed:—

Surveyors of Wood—T. Lawrence Swift ,J. Everett Noyes, Sidney E. D. Studley, James J. Hatch, George N. Tobey, Oliver M. Lawrence, Lewis W. Smith.

Fence Viewers—Howard Swift, Herbert H. Lawrence, Chas. H. Eldred, George N. Tobey, Sidney F. Peck.

Field Drivers—Alvin F. Bourne, David E. Butler, Allen B. Hatch, Bartlett H. Wright, Herbert H. Lawrence, Edgar Swett, Charles S. Baker, Sidney W. Lawrence,, Allison B. Fisher, Geo. Cornell, Frederick A. Cahoon.

Surveyors of Lumber—John M. Howe, Clarence M. Gifford, Sheldon H. Cowen.

Public Weighers—Edwin F. Lawrence, Walter O. Luscombe, Thomas B. Landers, Marion N. Lawrence, George F. Hill, William A. Driscoll, T. Lawrence Swift, M. E. Cook, Ralph Landers, Ruth M. Howes, Adelbert E. Landers, John H. Kelley, William G. Cowell, George W. Lake, Herbert F. Nye.

Care of Public Wells—William W. Eldredge, Jr., Eugene W. Fisher, Jonathan H. Jones, Hiram N. Lawrence, Ernest E. Hurrell.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to restrain horses, neat cattle and swine from runnig at large within the limits of the town the year ensuing.

Voted, that they be so restrained.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to appoint agents for the care of the town cemeteries.

Voted, that Charles H. Gifford and James J. Hatch be appointed agents.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Voted, that the Treasurer be so authorized.

Article 6. To see what method the town will adopt to suppress the keeping and sale of intoxicating liquors and to prevent gambling and malicious mischief, and make an appropriation therefor, or take any other action thereto.

Voted, that the sum of $500 be appropriated, said amount to be expended under the direction of the selectmen.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to sell the herrings from one or more of its rivers, or what method it will adopt regulating the taking and disposal of the same, or take any other action thereon.

Voted, that all herring from all the rivers be sold, and that Coonamessett river be fished at both houses, under existing regulations. That the purchasers be required to keep the rivers open from the time they commence fishing until they finish, except from Saturday noon until Monday noon. That the care of the rivers be left in the hands of the herring committee from Saturday noon to Monday noon. That the further conditions of sale negotiations, etc., be left with the selectmen.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Buzzards Bay Electric Company to light the streets for the coming year or take any other action thereon.

Voted, that the selectmen be so authorized.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to settle claims and suits against the town which are pending, or may arise against the town and to fix a definite amount which may be used by the board for the purpose, or take any other action thereon.

Voted, the the selectmen be so authorized and the sum of $500 appropriated.

Article 10. To see what method the town will adopt respecting the collection of taxes and to fix the compensation for the services of the collector, or act thereon.

Voted, that the town adopt a similar method as last year, viz: the compensation of the collector to be one percent of collections; the total amount of the April levy to be paid to the town treasurer on or before December 31st; that six percent interest be charged on all taxes from October 1st, pursuant to provisions of Chapter 103, General Acts of 1916; and that the amount of the December levy be paid to the town treasurer on such date as the board of assessors shall determine.

Article 11. To raise such sums of money as may be needed to defray the town's expenses for the year ensuing, viz: Highways, curbings, dust laying material, railings, bridges, snow, clearing curves, schools, school supplies, transportation, repairs of public buildings, bonds and notes, parks, fire department, board of health, interest, poor department, street lights, salaries, libraries, trees, caterpillars, gypsy and brown-tail moths, miscellaneous, state aid, soldiers' relief, elm leaf beetle, inland fisheries, Memorial day, printing and stationery, regulating autos, wells, and any others that may be needed.

Under this article the following appropriations were made for the general expenses of the town for the current year:

Appropriations:

For Board of Health,	$ 4,500 00
Bonds,	6,000 00
Band concerts,	500 00

Fire department,	2,000 00
Good Will Park,	400 00
Hydrant rental,	6,990 00
Highways, regular and special,	40,199.86
Intemperance and gambling,	500 00
Interest,	3,000 00
Inland fisheries,	100 00
Memorial Day,	200 00
Miscellaneous,	10,200 00
Poor department,	7,000 00
Public Library, Dog fund and	2,000 00
Printing and stationery,	1,500 00
Parks,	1,200 00
Repairs on public buildings,	2,500 00
Regulating autos and traffic officers,	1,300 00
Schools, regular and special,	53,550 00
Salaries,	10,250 00
Street lights,	10,050 00
Soldiers' relief,	400 00
Settling claims and suits,	500 00
Tree warden,	6,500 00
West Falmouth library,	200 00
Woods Hole library,	250 00
Wells,	75 00
Workman's insurance,	500 00
Finance Committee,	200 00
Waquoit Bay,	2,000 00
Land damage,	200 00
Lockup,	400 00
Finance bill, 1916,	100 00
Stenographer,	500 00
Fire truck,	1,500 00
Total appropriations,	$177,268 86

Article 52. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000, through taxation, or borrow if necessary, or take any other action necessary for the extension of the Hatchville road to North Falmouth.

Voted, that the sum of $8,000 be raised and appropriated for

the purpose of constructing a road from Hatchville to North Falmouth; that of this amount $2,000 be taken from this year's tax levy and that the balance be borrowed on negotiable notes of the town, payable $2,000 annually at a rate of interest not to exceed 4 per cent. 134 voted in the affirmative and 17 in the negative.

Article 12. To see if the town will accept the doings of the Selectmen in laying out a town way known as Prospect street in Woods Hole, and raise and appropriate $600 for working same.

Voted, that the layout be accepted. No appropriation was made to work the road.

Article 29. To see whether the town will construct a large or general schoolhouse in the eastern part of the town, select a site therefor, acquire the necessary land by purchase or taking, and furnishings therefor and for such purposes raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000), of which amount a portion shall be included in the tax levy of the current year and the balance be borrowed on negotiable notes or bonds of the town, payable annually, said notes to bear interest not to exceed 4½ per cent per annum.

Referred to next annual town meeting.

Article 30. To see what action the town will take with reference to the erection of a large or general schoolhouse in the eastern part of the town or to furnish better school accommodations for pupils in that section or take any other action concerning this matter and raise and appropriate the necessary money therefor or authorize the borrowing of such money.

Referred to next annual town meeting.

Article 31. To see if the town will sell or authorize the sale of its present school property at East Falmouth or any portion thereof or take any other action concerning said property.

Voted, that there be no sale of the present property; also that the matter be referred to the next annual town meeting.

Voted, that the matter of repairs on the East Falmouth schoolhouse be left in the hands of the school committee.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to install additional heating plant at the West Falmouth school, and raise and appropriate the sum of $500 for the purpose.

Voted, that the sum of $500 be appropriated, the same to be expended under the direction of the school committee.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to authorize the school committee to erect a portable school house in the lower section of Teaticket and procure by lease or purchase a suitable lot of land therefor, and raise and appropriate $2,500 for the purpose.

Voted, that $2,500 be appropriated for the above purpose.

Article 34. To see if the town will authorize the school committee to establish military training in the schools of Falmouth, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Voted, that the same be established in the public schools and $500 appropriated.

Article 13. To see if the town will accept the doings of the Selectmen in laying out Nobska road, Wildwood avenue, and Sandwich road.

Voted, that these layouts be accepted.

Article 14. To see if the town will accept the doings of the Selectmen in laying out Deacons Pond avenue, and raise and appropriate a sum of money to work the same, and to take any other action that may seen to be advisable.

Voted, that the layout be not accepted.

Voted, that the sum of $300 be taken from funds in the hands of the highway surveyor to work the road.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

A finance committee to serve for the ensuing year was elected as follows:—

Asa L. Pattee, T. Lawrence Swift, Charles S. Burgess, Le Roy F. Lawrence, Ellis M. Lewis, Sidney W. Lawrence, William F. Bourne, Charles H. Eldred, John F. Randall, William E. Lawrence, Herbert F. Nye, Merton D. Baker, Elwood E. Baker, Eugene P. Hatch, Willard N. Chadwick.

Article 15. To see if the town will accept the doings of the Selectmen in laying out anew a section of road fromWildHarbor road to Megansett, and raise and appropriate a sum of money to work the same.

Voted, that it be referred to next annual town meeting.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to pay laborers in

all deparments, except water department and fighting forest fires, the sum of two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per day.

Voted, that town laborers in all departments, except the water department and for fighting forest fires, be paid the sum of $2.50 per day.

Article 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $400 to be used in placing a steel cage with two cells in the basement of the town hall, thereby discontinuing the use of the lockup, which has been condemned by the State Board of Health.

Voted, that the sum of $400 be raised and appropriated for the purpose named in the article.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to light Bourne avenue (so called) with electric lights.

Voted, that the matter be left in the hands of the selectmen with instructions to install the lights as asked for in the article.

Article 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the proper observance of Memorial day, the same to be expended under the direction of the Wman's Relief Corps.

Voted, that the $200 appropriated for Memorial day be expended under the direction of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to pay fence viewers one dollar ($1.00) per day in addition to the sum provided by statute, viz: $2.00.

Voted, that fence viewers be paid one dollar in addition to statutory fee.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000 to be used in making a walk of tar, gravel or some other material at Falmouth Heights; the present walk to be repaired by taking up the walk and use the material to do so.

Voted, that the sum of $300 be appropriated, to be expended under the supervision of the highway surveyor, in repairing the present board walk.

Article 22. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000 to macadamize Queen street (so called) from the Main street opposite the house of John F. Donaldson south to the turn in the road.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 23. To see if the town will instruct the water commissioners to lay a four-inch main on Elm avenue to the farm occupied by Timothy Murphy, and raise and appropriate $3,000 for the purpose.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 24. To see if the town will authorize the water commissioners to extend the water mains in West Falmouth, and raise and appropriate therefor the sum of $10,000, of which a part shall be payable from the tax levy of the current year and the balance covered by negotiable notes or bonds of the town payable annually, and all payable within five years.

Voted, that the water commissioners be and they hereby are authorized to extend the water mains in West Falmouth; and that there be raised and appropriated to cover the expenses thereof the sum of $10,000; that of this amount the sum of $5,000 shall be taken from funds now in the hands of the water department and the balance of $5,000 be borrowed on negotiable notes or bonds of the town payable $1,000 annually; said notes or bonds to bear interest not to exceed 4 per cent per annum.

Article 25. To see if the town will authorize the water commissioners to install two hydrants, one near the premises of Dr. J. P. Warbasse in Woods Hole, and one on Depot avenue, Falmouth Village, and make an appropriation therefor, the money to be taken from funds belonging to the Water Department.

Voted, that the town authorize the water commissioners to install the two additonal fire hydrants called for in the article, and that the sum of $200 be appropriated for the purpose, the money to be taken from funds in the hands of the water commissioners.

Article 26. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $350 to be expended on the County road between the Menauhant road and Vineyard Sound, after action has been taken by the County Commissioners on the same.

Voted, that the sum of $350 be appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the highway surveyor, after action has been taken by the County Commissioners.

Article 27. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000 to extend the work begun at North Falmouth

station to the town wharf at Megansett on the County road.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 28. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000 to be expended on the improvement of Pine street from the North Falmouth station to the State road by the use of shells or other suitable material.

Voted, that the sum of $1,000 be raised and appropriated for the purpose named in the article.

Article 35. We, the undersigned do hereby respectfully petition the town of Falmouth to accept and improve the following streets at Silver Beach, North Falmouth, viz: Silver Beach road to water, also Beach road from Ocean View avenue to the harbor.

Voted, that the selectmen be requested to lay out the avenues mentioned in the article, in accordance with the plan of the Silver Beach Land Co., after which the layouts will be presented to the town for acceptance.

Article 36. We, the undersigned, do hereby respectfully petition the town of Falmouth to accept and improve the following streets at Silver Beach, North Falmouth: Grove street from the corner of Ocean View avenue to the corner of West avenue, and West avenue from Grove street to Ocean View avenue. Also that Ocean View avenue, now a town highway, be improved from the waterfront to Beach road.

Voted, that the selectmen be requested to lay out the avenues mentioned in the article.

Article 37. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of stoning or macadamizing Indiana avenue (so called), Falmouth Heights.

Voted, that it be referred to next annual town meeting.

Article 38. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $500 and re-appropriate the sum of $69.50 for the improvement of Woods Hole Park as per plan.

Voted, that it be referred to next annual town meeting.

Article 39. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of stoning or macadamizing King street (so called), Falmouth Village.

Voted, that it be referred to next annual town meeting.

Article 40. To see if the town will vote to raise and appro-

priate the sum of $2,000 to complete the oiling of Davisville road to the intersection of the Menauhant Shore road, or provide for other construction to complete said road.

Voted, that it be referred to next annual town meeting.

Article 41. To see if the town will vote to pay a bounty on muskrats killed within the limits of the town; each rat to be brought to some member of the selectmen by or before whom the tail of the animal shall be severed from its body and the owner of said rat to be paid the sum of twenty-five cents therefor; the money to be taken from the contingent fund.

Voted, that the town pay a bounty of 25 cents on each muskrat killed within the limits of the town; the skin of each rat with tail attached to be brought to some member of the selectmen by or before whom the tail shall be severed.

Article 42. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 to be expended in continuing a frost-proof road of tar and sand or other materials, beginning at the northerly end of the recently constructed road from Fuller's corner at East Falmouth leading to Hatchville.

Voted, that the sum of $2,000 be appropriated for the purpose named in the article.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

Article 43. To see if the town will authorize an audit of the town's books so far as necessary to install the accounting system of the state or take any other action concerning the same.

Article 44. To see if the town will provide for the appointment of a town accountant and appropriate funds therefor.

The above two articles were considered together.

Voted, that the pay days of the town be the first and third Tuesdays of each month; that the auditors be and they hereby are directed to meet on or before each pay day to audit all bills before they are paid; that if it appears to them that any bills presented should not be paid they shall consider the same jointly with the selectmen and if not approved by the joint board such bills shall not be paid, but referred to the Finance Committee for final action.

Article 45. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of

money for the purposes of a Reserve Fund.

Voted, that the town establish a Reserve Fund, and that the sum of $1,000 be appropriated.

Voted, that the water commissioners be authorized to establish a Renewal Fund.

Article 46. To see if the town will re-appropriate a sum of money necessary to pay the expenses of the Finance Committee, due for 1916.

Voted, that the sum of $100 be appropriated for the purpose.

Article 11 was taken from the table and additional appropriations were made.

Voted, that the sum of $200 be appropriated for the purpose of paying bills of 1916 that had been presented after the books were closed for the year.

Voted, that the selectmen be authorized to secure the services of stenographers whose duties it shall be to assist the officials of any department (excepting the school department) and that the sum of $500 be appropriated for the purpose.

Voted, that the highway surveyor be allowed $250 additional for clerical assistance.

Voted, that the sum of $500 be appropriated for drainage on or near the premises of W. T. Rich in North Falmouth.

Voted, that the school committee be authorized to pay certain bills contracted during 1916 against the school department out of the 1917 appropriation to the amount of $500.

Voted, to authorize the fire department to pay bills incurred in 1916 which have been presented since the closing of the town books in December.

The following informal vote was unanimously adopted:—Voted, that it is the sense of the meeting that all lawful means should be used to obtain a portion of the money recently appropriated by Congress for the benefit of R. F. D. roads throughout the United States, to be used in the improvement of the road from East Falmouth to Hatchville.

Article 47. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $3,500 for a combination auto fire truck for the village of Woods Hole.

Voted, that the town do purchase a combination auto fire truck to be kept in the Woods Hole hose house; raise and appro-

priate therefor the sum of $1,500, such purchase to be made by the selectmen, provided that a reasonable amount will be raised by subscription or otherwise and added to the $1,500 for the purchase of the same.

Article 48. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000 to grade and macadamize Lakeview avenue (so called), from Palmer avenue to Loring Baker's house.

Voted, that the sum of $500 be appropriated to grade and macadamize Lakeview avenue.

Article 49. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the necessary sum of money and authorize and direct the repaving of the road known as North street, leading to Penzance, from the point where the same leaves West street to the Penzance entrance-way.

Voted, that the matter be referred to the highway surveyor to investigate.

Article 50. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of $250 to widen and deepen the herring rivers wherever necessary.

Voted, to appropriate $250 for the purpose named in the article, and that this amount shall be taken from the amount received from the sale of the catch of herring.

Article 51. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 to be expended in rebuilding or building anew the Chappoquoit bridge in West Falmouth.

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 for rebuilding the Chappoquoit bridge, the money to be expended under the supervision of the highway surveyor.

Article 53. To see if the town will accept a tract of land donated by the heirs of Francis A. Nye, to be known as the Francis A. Nye Memorial park; said park, with the consent of the park commissioners, to be under the direct control of an organization to be incorporated to control and maintain the park under such rules as it may adopt; the inhabitants of the town to have the same privileges as in other parks belonging to the town.

Article 54. To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation a portion of land in North Falmouth, belonging to the F. A. Nye estate, to be held by a corporation and improved for a public park without expense to the town.

Voted, that the tract of land in North Falmouth to be used

for park purposes be exempt from taxation this year or until such time as a satisfactory deed can be procured.

Voted, by a unanimous rising vote, that a vote of thanks be extended to the heirs of the Hon. Francis A. Nye for their intended gift; that a copy of the testimonial to the late Hon Francis A. Nye be spread upon the town records and a copy of same sent to the heirs.

Article 55. To see if the town will vote in accordance with provisions of Chapter 65 of the Revised Laws as amended by Chapter 242, Acts of 1916, to adopt by-laws to regulate sales by hawkers and pedlars.

Voted, that the town adopt by-laws in relation to hawkers and pedlars.

Voted, that a fee of two dollars be the license fee for the coming year.

Article 56. To see if the town will vote to continue in effect the recommendation of the committee of last year in relation to the rentable portions of the town hall or take any other action in the matter.

Voted, that the matter be left in the hands of the selectmen.

Article 11 was recalled and the sum of $250 was added to the appropriation for salaries.

Voted, that the board of health be authorized to pay bills of 1916 that were coming in from Sanitoriums.

Voted, that all boards having outstanding bills be allowed to pay the same.

Article 58. To see if the town will accept the offer of the Woods Hole Yacht Club to construct without expense to the town an additional story on the Woods Hole hose house, and lease the second story of the hose house to said Yacht Club for a term of years without rental charges, or take any other action concerning same.

Voted, that the town accept the offer of the Woods Hole Yacht Club under the conditions named in the article, and that the Yacht Club be allowed free rental of the second story for a term of 15 years.

Article 59. To see if the town will adopt the following by-laws concerning the payment of bills or take any other action concerning same.

1. Each department of the town shall advertise for all bills at the close of the year and shall state in the town report whether there are any unpaid bills, and if so, what they are and the amount; and no bills due and contracted before the close of the fiscal year shall be paid out of the appropriation for the coming year, but shall be presented to the town meeting by special article in the town warrant, provided that this shall not interfere with the payment of any bills properly contracted after the closing of the year's books.

2. When each department advertises for bills due it shall state in said advertisement that any bill due and not presented must be inserted in the town warrant for payment.

Indefinitely postponed.

The business in the warrant having been completed, the meeting dissolved at 3.45 p. m., Friday.

Attest:—

(Signed) WILLIAM H. HEWINS,
Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting—May 10, 1917

In conformity to a warrant issued in due form of law, a special town meeting was held at the town hall in Falmouth.

Seba A. Holton, moderator, called the meeting to order at 8 o'clock p. m. and proceeded to read the warrant.

Article 1. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00) to pile a piece of the beach east of Great Pond bridge to protect the road, as the bank has washed away and also a piece of the road.

Voted, that the sum of $500 be raised and appropriated for the purpose named in the article.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to employ watchmen to guard the water plant, and make an appropriation therefor.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional sum of money, not exceeding $2,000 to extend the water main on Nashawena street, West Falmouth, or take any other action thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 4. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $200 for the purpose of protecting the Bluffs at Falmouth Heights.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 5. To see what action the town will take relative to raising and appropriating a sum of money to equip the Home Guards or take any action that will be for the best interest of the town to protect the inhabitants and property in time of war.

Voted, that the sum of $5,000 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of equipping the State Guards, and for transportation.

Voted, that the money be placed in the hands of a committee consisting of the Selectmen, Capt. Ray D. Wells and Daniel B. Phillips.

Under article 5 it was voted: That the school committee is hereby authorized to establish and maintain, subject to Chapter 471 of the Acts of 1911 and Acts in addition thereto or dependent thereon, a vocational agricultural department (day or evening) in connection with the Lawrence High school; and to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars ($600) for said department during the fiscal year ending December 31, 1917, which sum is hereby appropriated from funds received by local taxation.

Voted, that the town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) to meet the expense of employing a supervisor of Home Economics during the summer of 1917, and that the sum so raised and appropriated be expended under the direction of the Committee of Food Production and Conservation of the Committee of Public Safety.

The business in the warrant being completed, the meeting dissolved at 9.10 p. m.

Attest:—

(Signed) WILLIAM H. HEWINS,
Town Clerk.

Assessors' Report and Valuation

The Assessors of Falmouth herewith submit their annual report for the consideration of the inhabitants of the Town for the year ending December 31st, 1917.

Value of buildings,		$3,674,550 00
Value of land,		2,269,445 00
		$5,943,995 00
Value of personal estate,		968,571 00
Total valuation,		$6,912,566 00
Resident personal estate,	$823,614 00	
" Bank,	70,900 00	
Non-resident personal estate,	74,057 00	
Total personal estate,		$968,571 00
Resident real estate,	$3,159,180 00	
Non-resident real estate,	2,784,815 00	
Total real estate,		$5,943,995 00
Total valuation,		$6,912,566 00
Tax on resident personal estate,	$12,601 70	
Bank,	1,084 77	
Real estate,	48,336 47	
Non-resident personal estate,	1,133 09	
Bank,	445 23	
Real estate,	42,608 41	
1158 Polls @ $2.00,	2,316 00	
Total tax,		$108,525 67

Corporation tax, business,	$ 252 68	
Corporation tax, public service,	5,068 37	
Income tax,	122,445 34	
National Bank tax,	2,693 90	
Dependent children,	220 31	
Tuition of children,	299 25	
Military aid,	478 00	
Reimbursed for loss of land used for public purposes,	1 94	
Total receipts,		$131,459 79

Rate of taxation on $1,000.00, $15.30	
Number of polls,	1,158
Soldiers exempt,	12
Soldiers' widows exempt,	8
Voters, male, precinct 1,	138
Precinct 2,	668
Females, precinct 1,	52
Precinct 2,	121
Dwelling houses taxed,	1,628
Horses,	350
Cows,	394
Neat cattle, other than cows,	93
Fowl,	430
Acres of land,	20,766
Taxpayers,	2,436
Paying on property,	1,986
Poll tax only,	450
Residents paying on property,	1,028
Non-residents paying on property,	762
Dogs licensed, males,	211
Females,	30

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. SWIFT,
A. UNDERWOOD,
JOHN F. DONALDSON,
Assessors of Falmouth.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1917,	$ 8,417 17	
State tax, balance due,	90,469 18	
Acct. Sinking Fund,	11,520 45	
Poor account,	999 47	
Schools,	45 66	
Interest received,	722 34	
Interest Lawrence Fund,	709 82	
Perpetual care, cemetery lots,	1,575 00	
Borrowed money,	100,000 00	
Miscellaneous,	3,395 02	
Rents,	552 20	
Tax receipts,	107,294 88	
District Court,	423 32	
Highways,	606 97	
Tree Warden,	100 25	
Licenses,	195 50	
		$333,027 23

EXPENDITURES.

Selectmen,	$135,535 20	
Miscellaneous,	22,315 44	
Highways,	44,584 43	
Schools,	45,607 87	
School transportation,	7,291 00	
School buildings,	3,498 73	
Salaries,	8,836 73	
Poor department,	9,540 82	
Street lights,	10,019 58	
Interest,	2,760 19	
Libraries,	2,913 32	
Health,	2,782 99	
Fire department,	1,724 35	
Public buildings,	1,975 88	
Parks,	1,188 11	
Sinking Fund, D. P. Harbor, final loan,	10,000 00	
State aid,	602 00	
Tree Warden,	5,966 06	
Cash on hand Jan. 1st, 1918,	15,884 53	
		$333,027 23

Report of Tax Collector

I herewith present for your approval my annual report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31st, 1917:

1916 December levy,	$821 84		
Credit by abatement,		$102 00	
Collected and paid Treasurer,		719 84	$719 84
		$821 84	
1917 April levy,	$108,525 67		
Interest collected,	65 62		
	$108,591 29		
Credit by abatements,		$ 2,397 58	
Collected and paid Treasurer,		106,102 15	$106,102 15
Deposit as security for balance,		91 56	91 56
		$108,591 29	
1917 December levy,	$381 33		
Collected and paid Treasurer,		$381 33	381 33
Total amount paid Treasurer,			$107,294 38

Respectfully submitted,

RAWSON C. JENKINS,
Collector of Taxes.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, TREASURY DEPT., IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF FALMOUTH.

Dr.

To State tax,	$33,000 00	
National Bank tax,	484 71	
Repairs of State highways,	8,612 01	
Soldiers' exemption,	93 89	
Total,	$42,190 61	
Balance due the Town,	89,269 18	
		$131,459 79

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By Corporation tax, public service,	$ 5,068 37	
Corporation tax, business,	252 68	
Income tax,	122,445 34	
National Bank tax,	2,693 90	
Aiding mothers with depend't children,	220 31	
Tuition of children,	299 25	
Military and State aid,	478 00	
Reimbursement for loss of taxes on land used for public institutions,	1 94	
Total,	$131,459 79	
		$131,459 79

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

Water bonds, original loan, 1902,		
Interest, 3½ percent,	$206,000 00	
Redeemed,	85,000 00	
Outstanding,		$121,000 00
$ 5,000 redeemable annually 1902–1912,		
7,000 " " 1913–1932		
16,000 " " 1933		
Water bonds, East Fal. serial loan, 1905,		
Interest, 3½ percent,	$20,000 00	
Redeemed,	3,000 00	
Outstanding,		$17,000 00
$1,000 redeemable annually, 1915–1934		
Water bonds, No. Fal. serial loan, 1912		
Interest, 3½ per cent,	$55,000 00	
Redeemed,	5,000 00	
Outstanding,		$50,000 00
$1,000 redeemable annually, 1913–1917		
2,000 " " thereafter		
Water bonds, Sippewissett serial loan, 1914,		
Interest, 4 per cent,	$15,000 00	
Redeemed,	1,500 00	
Outstanding,		$13,500 00
$500 redeemable annually, 1915–1944		
Water bonds, West Fal. extension,		$5,000 00
$1,000 redeemable annually, 1918–1922		
Eel Pond Channel Bridge serial loan, 1913		
Interest, 4 per cent,	$19,500 00	
Redeemed,	10,000 00	
Outstanding,		$9,500 00
$2,500 redeemable annually, 1914–1921		

Town Hall serial loan, 1915		
Interest, 4 per cent,	$10,000 00	
Redeemed,	7,500 00	
Outstanding,		$2,500 00
$2,500 redeemable annually, 1915–1918		
Hatchville Tar Road loan,		$6,000 00
$2,000 redeemable annually, 1918–1920		
Total,		$224,500 00

Loans:

Bonds outstanding Jan. 1st, 1918:

Water	Bridges	Tar Road	Town Hall	Total
$206,500	$9,500	$6,000	$2,500	$224,500

TABLE SHOWING DEBT BY YEARS.

Loans	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917
Water, original,	$176,000	$171,000	$166,000	$161,000	$156,000	$149,000	$142,000	$135,000	$128,000
E. Falmouth,	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	19,000	18,000
N. Falmouth,					55,000	54,000	53,000	52,000	51,000
Sippewissett,						15,000	15,000	14,500	14,000
W. Falmouth,									5,000
Stone road,	25,000	20,000	15,000	10,000	5,000				
Grammar school,	12,000	9,000	6,000	3,000					
Deacons harbor,	10,000	6,000	5,000	4,000	3,000	2,000	1,000		
2d loan,			2,000	2,000	1,000				
High School,			6,000	6,000	4,000	2,000			
Menauhant bridge.			7,000	7,000	5,000	3,000	1,000		
Waquoit road,			5,000	5,000	4,000	3,000	2,000	1,000	
Eel Pond Bridge,					19,500	19,500	17,000	14,500	12,000
2d loan,						3,500	3,500		
Town Hall,							10,000	7,500	5,000
Hatchville tar road,									6,000
	$243,000	$226,000	$232,000	$218,000	$272,500	$271,000	$264,500	$243,500	$239,000
Redeemed,	17,000	14,000	14,000	20,000	20,000	16,500	21,000	15,500	14,500
Net debt by years,	$226,000	$212,000	$218,000	$198,000	$252,500	$254,500	$243,500	$228,000	$224,500

Report of the Water Commissioners

The Water Commissioners hereby submit their annual report.

The plant has done good service during the entire year, furnishing a sufficient supply of water and keeping normal pressure for fire purposes. No accident of importance has occurred either at the pumping station or on the pipe line except the breaking of one fire hydrant, which was promptly replaced and the expense paid by the owner of the car which caused the damage.

Owing to the natural depreciation of the pipe the cost of maintenance is constantly increasing.

The minor extensions during the year have been few and entailed but small expense.

The extension in West Falmouth, ordered by the last annual meeting, has been completed at an expense of $8,290.98, $1,709.02 less than the appropriation.

34 new services have been installed.

8 new hydrants have been added of which 6 were on the new extension.

The pumping station has been under the charge of Mr. Chas. B. Gardner, whose work has been most satisfactory. W. A. Turner who has served for some years as fireman, having received a license to operate under the supervision of the chief, was employed as assistant engineer during the summer, and Howard Landers as fireman. Our engineer, having met with a painful accident, was unable to perform manual labor for some weeks but remained in charge of the station. During his disability the assistant engineer and fireman did extra duty and were paid accordingly.

Under the present conditions we have deemed it wise to have

a watchman stationed at the pumping station during the time when the engineer and fireman are not on duty.

Owing to the uncertainty of the coal situation we have found it necessary to keep a larger stock than usual on hand to insure continuous service.

This and the high price paid have caused the expenses of the station to be considerably increased, but we consider ourselves fortunate that we have not been obliged to suspend operations for lack of fuel.

Owing to the present cost of materials we recommend only one small extension of about 300 feet at Falmouth Heights, for which we have the pipe on hand.

In harmony with the other boards of the town we have condensed the Treasurer's account in order to decrease the size of the Town Report.

An itemized account with vouchers can be seen at the office by any one.

In accordance with the vote of the town, we have placed the sum of $606.60, which is 10 per cent of the net income of 1916 from all sources including hydrant rental, on interest as a renewal fund. We have on hand for current expenses and for the payment of bonds, the amount of $18,160.69.

This will be nearly exhausted by the end of our fiscal year.

We have no liabiliteis.

SEBA A. HOLTON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF FALMOUTH, WATER DEPARTMENT.

Dr.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1917,		$19,906 22
Miscellaneous Receipts:		
Borrowed for West Fal. extension,	$5,000 00	
Reimbursed by individuals,	203 47	

Water sold transients,	116 77	
Use of telephone,	11 92	
Interest on deposits,	116 67	
Adams Express, damages,	17 60	
Sale of stock,	376 80	
Tunnelling street for electric wire,	7 83	5,851 06
Water Rates:		
Village and Teaticket,	6,847 00	
Woods Hole and Quissett,	7,170 59	
Falmouth Heights,	3,465 00	
West Falmouth,	3,043 22	
East Falmouth,	693 00	
North Falmouth and Megansett,	2,712 00	
Commercial Services,	2,264 97	
Hydrants and Public Buildings,	7,367 50	33,563 28
		$59,320 56

Cr.

Expenditures.

Payment of bonds,	$9,500 00	
Interest,	7,697 50	
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,519 07	
Maintenance,	2,043 69	
Putting in services,	179 23	
Purchase of stock,	1,194 10	
Pumping Station,	9,542 92	
West Falmouth extension,	8,677 18	
Minor extensions,	162 08	
Rebates,	37 50	
Renewal Fund,	606 60	
Excess of receipts over expenditures,	18,160 69	
		$59,320 56

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Income.

Miscellaneous Receipts,	$ 407 92	
Water Rates, including Hydrant rental,	33,525 78	
		$33,933 70

Expenditures.

Pumping station:			
Salaries of Engineers and firemen,	$2,957 75		
Fuel, including freight and carting,	5,317 37		
Oil, supplies, fittings and tools,	263 18		
Freight,	3 13		
Repairs and care of grounds,	379 09		
Telephone, rental and tolls,	28 54		
Insurance,	113 00		
Electric lighting,	115 86		
Watchman's wages,	165 00	$9,542 92	
Miscellaneous Expenses:			
Salaries of Water Commissioners,	$1,000 00		
Salary of Inspector,	150 00		
Legal services,	10 00		
Stationery and advertising,	109 14		
Location maps,	5 52		
Telephone rental and tolls,	76 97		
Postage and box rent,	36 25		
Express,	27 31		
Freight and carting,	30 03		
Sundry small bills,	73 85	1,519 07	
Maintenance other than Pumping station,		1,980 04	
Bonds paid,		9,500 00	
Interest,		7,697 50	
Balance,		3,694 17	
			$33,933 70

SUMMARY.

Cost of Plant as reported last year,	$359,940 08
West Falmouth extension,	8,290 98
Minor extensions,	453 90

2 new hydrants installed,	106 50	
New services,	432 42	
	$369,223 88	
Stock on hand,	2,570 69	
Cash on hand,	18,160 69	
Renewal Fund,	606 60	
		$390,561 86

Balances.

Bonds outstanding beginning of year,	$211,000 00	
Bonds issued,	5,000 00	
	$216,000 00	
Bonds paid during year,	9,500 00	
Bonds outstanding at present time,	206,500 00	
Cash, other than hydrant rental, invested in Plant,	119,601 92	
Appropriated by town,	64,459 94	
		$390,561 86

FALMOUTH PUMPING STATION.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Water Commissioners:

Dear Sirs:

Below you will find statement of changes, repairs and improvements made at the station during the year 1917:

Engine Room.

No extensive changes have been made in this room, only the ordinary renewals and repairs as required for the operation of the plant.

Boiler Room.

The 6-inch stop valve on boiler No. 2 was sent away for repairs and installed. We have one spare 6-inch valve which has also been repaired and kept for any emergency. Other slight changes have been made to conform to the requirement of the

Insurance Company.

Living Rooms.

With the exception of painting the ceiling and walls of the kitchen no repairs have been made.

Water Pumped.

The water pumped was about the same as in 1916, the month of August showing the largest increase.

The pond, last summer, was higher than I have seen it before.

Respectfully,

CHARLES B. GARDNER,

Engineer.

FALMOUTH PUMPING STATION.

Quantity of water pumped during 1917:

January,	7,303,990	gallons
February,	6.945,770	"
March,	8,129,950	"
April,	8,510,240	"
May,	8,489,980	"
June,	11,969,880	"
July,	18,216,820	"
August,	26,910,940	"
September,	15,040,760	"
October,	8,489,480	"
November,	7,619,840	"
December,	8,583,500	"
Total,	136,211,150	"

The largest amount pumped in any one day was 1,370,720 gallons on August 8th.

The largest week was July 30 to August 5, inclusive, during which 7,401,320 gallons were pumped.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. HALL,
E. E. C. SWIFT, JR.,
S. A. HOLTON,

Water Commissioners.

COMPARATIVE TABLE.

Showing assets, liabilities, income and expenses for each year for the past ten years.

	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917
*Value of plant	$267,539 65	$275,543 23	$282,841 73	$285,402 86	$290,658 77	$295,618 87	$333,643 12	$371,938 05	$375,781 78	$381,867 69
Outstanding bonds	201,000 00	196,000 00	191,000 00	186,000 00	181,000 00	176,000 00	223,000 00	230,000 00	220,500 00	216,000 00
Bonds paid	5,000 00	5,000 00	5,000 00	5,000 00	5,000 00	8,000 00	8,000 00	9,500 00	9,500 00	9,500 00
Interest paid	6 973 14	6,772 50	6,597 50	6,422 50	6,247 50	7,238 89	8,261 67	8,292 50	7,917 50	7,697 50
Regular expenses other than interest	5,882 70	5,774 08	6,726 76	6,133 38	8,616 08	9,696 08	11,518 53	12,667 22	10,485 84	13,042 03
Extraordinary expenses	332 89	301 69	21 28	37 29	295 31	216 72	14 00	29 50	468 98	
Water rates including hydrant rental	18,965 82	20,102 98	20,324 40	22,700 76	24,636 49	27,558 65	30,968 68	33,291 16	33,698 47	33,933 70

*At the beginning of the year, including stock and cash on hand.

Report of Fire Department

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—The board of fire engineers herewith submit the fourteenth annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1917.

Force.

One hundred anl twenty-eight men belong to the department; one chief engineer, nine assistants and one hundred and eighteen call men. There are ten well organized hose companies and one hook and ladder company.

Apparatus.

The apparatus belonging to the department is as follows:—nine hose reels, one chemical engine, one hook and ladder truck.

Location of Apparatus.

No. 1, Hose house, Teaticket, owned by town—reel and ten men.

No. 2, Hose house, Main street, on town lot, owned by town—reel and ten men.

No. 3, Hose house, opposite Depot avenue, owned by town—reel and ten men.

No. 4, Hose house, Quissett, owned by town—reel and nine men.

No. 5, Hose house, Woods Hole, owned by town—reel and twenty men.

No. 6, Hose house, West Falmouth, owned by town—reel and ten men.

No. 7, Hose house, Falmouth Heights, owned by town—reel and ten men.

No. 8, Hose house, East Falmouth, owned by town—reel and ten men.

No. 9, Hose house, North Falmouth, owned by town—reel and ten men.

No. 10, Located in barn of Charles B. Fisher at Waquoit—chemical engine and ten men.

Hook and Ladder, No. 1, in hose house No. 2, Main street, company of thirteen men.

Fire Alarm.

An electrical siren whistle on the Hose Hose at Woods Hole.

The Gamewell fire alarm system with bell in tower of town hall and signal boxes as follows:—

Box 69, corner Glenwood place and Main street.

Box 97, corner Locust street and Depot avenue.

Box 78, corner Gifford street and East Main street.

A chime whistle is attached to the electric light station and in case of fire the calls are as follows:—

For box 97—3 short blasts repeated 3 times.
For box 69—4 " " " 3 "
For box 78—5 " " " 3 "
Falmouth Heights, 6 short blasts, repeated 3 times.
Teaticket, 7 short blasts, repeated 3 times.
East Falmouth, 8 short blasts, repeated 3 times.
Brush fire, 2 long blasts.
One long and 2 short blasts calls hose companies together from outlying districts.
All out, 2 short blasts.

Fires for 1917.

The loss during the year is approximately $24,650.00.

January 11. House of Charles Benson, West Falmouth,. Damage about $50.00.

May 9. Garage of Ray D. Wells, Falmouth Heights. Total loss, $7,500.00.

May 15. House of Mrs. Sarah C. Ostrom, Waquoit. Total loss, $7,500.00.

(Outside of district covered by town water supply.)

May 21. House of Robert Bacon, Davisville. Total loss, $3,500.00.

(Outside of district covered by town water supply.)

July 27. Stable of Edw. N. Fenno, Quissett. Total loss, $3,100.00.

October 1. House of Bertha Moody, West Falmouth. Total loss, $3,000.00.

(Outside of district covered by town water supply.)

Recommendations.

We would recommend that the sum of $2,000.00 be appropriated for the use of the department, to be expended under the direction of the board of negineers.

HARRY V. LAWRENCE, Chief.
LEWIS C. WEEKS,
WM. E. LAWRENCE,
CHARLES H. ELDRED,
GEORGE E. DAVID,
ADRIAN E. ADAMS,
HOWARD R. BAKER,
WILLIAM R. GREW,
J. EVERETT NOYES,
CHARLES B. FISHER,
Board of Engineers.

REPORT OF NEW ENGLAND INSURANCE EXCHANGE.

At the request of the Board of Trade, the chief of the fire department petitioned the New England Insurance Exchange to make examination of the fire protection conditions, and submit recommendations for improvements, which if carried out would lower the rates of insurance on the property in the town.

Thinking their report may be of interest to the townspeople, it is appended hereto without recommendation.

Boston, Mass., March 8, 1917.

FALMOUTH, MASS.

Requirements for Improved Grading.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

1. Organization.

(a) That the fire department be re-organized on a part full paid and part call basis, to consist of four full paid men and a sufficient number of call men to adequately man the following apparatus. Call men to be given sufficient compensation to insure obtaining responsible members.

(b) That suitable rules and regulations be adopted, including that all permanent members shall be appointed for indefinite terms only after passing suitable mental and physical examinations, the chief to be held responsible for the enforcement of all rules and the operation of the department.

2. Apparatus.

(a) That an automobile combined pumping chemical engine and hose wagon be provided and located at Falmouth Village.

(b) That automobile combination wagons be provided and located at Woods Hole, North and West Falmouth.

(c) The present hand drawn reels to remain in service at Falmouth Heights and East Falmouth.

NOTE.—(a) Specifications for automobile pumping engines to require pump to deliver at least 500 gallons per minute at 120 pounds net pump pressure, 50 per cent. of above capacity at 200 pounds net pump pressure and 33 per cent. of above capacity at 250 pounds net pump pressure.

(b) Gasoline motors to be capable of propelling apparatus at a speed of 30 miles an hour and of covering 20 consecutive miles in an hour over paved and macadamized streets having such grades as the apparatus is likely to encounter in service without showing loss of power of overheating when propelling the apparatus.

(c) Apparatus to be so constructed as to carry at least 1000 feet of 2½ in. double jacket cotton rubber lined hose, 200 feet of ¾ in. chemical hose, one 40 gallon chemical tank and all equipment and eight men over any roads that are passable for horse drawn apparatus of the same carrying capacity without injury to the apparatus.

(d) The following fire equipment is suggested but the list may be modified to suit the town's needs: one 12 ft. or 15 ft. ladder with folding roof hooks; one 20 ft. or 24 ft. extension ladder; two 7 pound pickaxes; two fire department lanterns; two 3 gallon extinguishers, fire department pattern; one 6 ft. and 9 ft. plaster hook and ceiling remover; one door opener; and 3 ft. crowbar; two playpipes with shutoff nozzles having smooth bore tip ½ in. to 1¼ in. in size; two playpipe holders; 200 feet of improved quality four ply ¾ in. rubber chemical hose with composition couplings; one approved chemical shutoff nozzle with ¼ in. tip; two containers for extra charge of acid for chemical tank; two bags for extra charge of soda for chemical tank; one 2½ in. double female connection; one 2½ in. double male connection; one connection for attaching chemical hose to 2½ in. shutoff nozzle; one hose jacket; two collapsible buckets; and two waterproof covers.

3. Operation.

(a) That fire department officers make systematic inspection for the accumulation of rubbish and inflammable materials inside and in the rear of buildings and that they be given power to cause arrests for violations of the ordinances governing the above materials and that they be required to keep records of all such inspections.

(b) That complete records be kept including a journal at each company giving time and particulars of all events, reports of fires and inspections on suitable forms, reports from company officers and headquarters of all apparatus and hose.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

Falmouth and Vicinity.

4. Apparatus.

At Headquarters:

That conditions be improved as follows:

(a) By installing a slate charging and protector board on incombustible mountings, equipped with the necessary instruments and devices for properly operating the system.

(b) By installing storage batteries in duplicate, each set to be capable of operating the system for 60 hours without recharging. Cells to be mounted on glass and porcelain supports secured to metallic frames suitably protected against corrosion.

(c) By installing compressed air system connected with a whistle or horn of sufficient size to be plainly audible throughout the territory covered by the fire alarm system.

At Fire Stations:

(d) Punch register and gong connected to box circuits.

Elsewhere:

(e) Tappers in houses of responsible members of the fire department.

(f) Break wheel transmitter at telephone exchange with duplicate break wheels for each fire alarm box and additional wheels for locations in outlying sections where it would not be feasible to extend the fire alarm circuits.

5. Circuits.

That conditions be improved as follows:

(a) By installing circuits of either No. 10 galvanized iron or No. 14 copper having triple braid weather-proof insulation.

(b) By avoiding poles carrying high tension wires but where necessary to locate on same, fire alarm wires to be run under rather than over high tension circuits.

(c) By supporting wires entirely on glass and porcelain petticoat insulators at least every 150 feet.

(d) By installing circuits in fire stations and other buildings in accordance with the National Electrical Code.

6. Boxes.

(a) That boxes installed in the future be of the positive non-interfering type with silver break contacts, internal mechanism protected against abnormal currents, outer cases grounded and with glass panel doors, keyless self-acting doors or with keys attached under guard. That additional boxes be installed so that a box shall be within 500 feet of every building in the centre of Falmouth Village, or within 800 feet of every other valuable group of buildings except on the outskirts, this location to be covered by the break wheel transmitter.

7. Operation.

(a) That all boxes be tested monthly, test to consist of visual examination, oiling, cleaning and pulling the box.

(b) That a complete map of circuits and complete card records of apparatus, circuits, tests and trouble be kept on file.

8. Woods Hole and Vicinity.

That a box system of fire alarm be installed for this section and the adjacent territory in accordance with the above recommendations for Falmouth and Vicinity.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. CALDWELL,
Engineer.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.

Teaticket, Hose No. 1.

Paid American La France Fire Engine Co., hose reel,	$80 10	
Buzzards Bay Electric Co., light,	9 00	
12 months' telephone service,	12 00	
Fireman's tax allowance,	22 00	
		$123 10

Falmouth, Hose No. 2, Hose No. 3, Hook and Ladder.

Paid Geo. W. Jones, 2 fire extinguishers,	$ 17 50
Boston Woven Hose Co., repairs on play pipe,	2 14
C. E. Robbins, labor,	5 00
Buzzards Bay Electric Co., April, 1916, to Dec. 31, 1917,	24 75
Falmouth Electric Co., care of fire alarm system,	36 00
John M. Howe, fastenings for door,	10 69
Chester A. Wright, towing to Well's fire,	2 50
Chas. E. Donnelly, cleaning hose house and reel,	2 50
E. E. Lumbert, painting Hose house No. 3,	31 50

Town of Falmouth, water,	12 00	
E. F. Dahill, Jr., & co., 200 feet hose,	104 00	
12 months' telephone service,	19 81	
Fireman's tax allowance,	70 00	
		$338 39

Quissett, Hose No. 4.

Paid Falmouth Plumbing Co., chain bolt,	$ 75	
Town of Falmouth, water,	6 00	
E. F. Dahill, Jr., & Co., 100 feet hose,	52 00	
Levi L. Fish, watching Fenno fire, etc.,	9 00	
12 months' telephone service,	12 45	
Fireman's tax allowance,	18 00	
		$98 20

Woods Hole, Hose No. 5.

Paid Geo. W. Jones, 2 fire extinguishers,	$ 17 50	
Town of Falmouth, water,	6 00	
Oscar R. Hilton, labor,	5 40	
Walter O. Luscombe, 2 tons coal,	18 50	
Woods Hole Garage Co., auto hire,	50	
E. F. Dahill, Jr., & Co., 350 feet hose,	182 00	
Sidney F. Peck, repairs and labor,	6 65	
F. L. Gifford, repairs on hose house,	33 28	
Buzzards Bay Electric Co., light,	9 75	
12 months' telephone service,	14 02	
Fireman's tax allowance,	42 00	
		$335 60

West Falmouth, Hose No. 6.

Paid Geo. W. Jones, 2 fire extinguishers, ($8.75 and $10.25),	$19 00	
J. H. Blackway, making keys,	2 60	
Buzzards Bay Electric Co., July, 1916, to Dec. 31, 1917,	13 50	
Town of Falmouth, water,	6 00	
E. F. Dahill, Jr., & Co., 150 feet hose,	78 00	
Jas. A. Bowman, stock and labor,	15 06	
H. M. Bowman, painting hose house,	27 00	

Jas. A. Bowman, wood,	3 14	
12 months' telephone service,	12 00	
Fireman's tax allowance,	22 00	
		$198 30

Falmouth Heights, Hose No. 7.

Paid John A. Davis, setting glass and testing hose,	$ 3 75	
Lewis Small, watching fire,	2 50	
Geo. F. Hill, watching fire, cleaning hose, etc.,	8 50	
H. T. Fisher, towing hose reel,	1 50	
Town of Falmouth, water,	6 00	
E. F. Dahill, Jr., & Co., 200 feet hose,	104 00	
E. E. Pierce, constable duties,	15 00	
H. H. Lawrence, constable duties,	15 00	
Buzzards Bay Electric Co., light,	9 75	
12 months' telephone service,	11 10	
Fireman's tax allowance,	22 00	
		$199 10

East Falmouth, Hose No. 8.

Paid Falmouth Electric Co., box lamps,	$ 1 35	
S. W. Lawrence, 2 cords woods,	12 00	
W. S. Baker, housing wood, cleaning, etc.,	4 09	
W. S. Tavares, sawing wood,	4 13	
Falmouth Plumbing Co., brass faucet,	1 00	
Ferd. Baker, oil, cleaning preparation, etc.,	4 30	
Town of Falmouth, water,	6 00	
Wood Lumber Co., keys,	2 10	
Geo. N. Tobey, 1½ cords wood,	9 75	
Buzzards Bay Electric Co., light, June, 1916, to Dec. 31; 1917,	18 00	
Geo. W. Jones, 2 fire extinguishers,	20 50	
8 months' telephone service,	6 12	
Fireman's tax allowance,	22 00	
		$111 34

North Falmouth, Hose No. 9.

Paid Geo. W. Jones, 2 fire extinguishers, ($8.75 and $10.25),	$19 00	
W. A. Burch, broom, etc.,	75	
J. H. Blackway, keys,	2 00	
H. M. Bowman, painting hose house,	58 50	
Buzzards Bay Electric Co., light,	9 75	
12 months' telephone service,	12 75	
Fireman's tax allowance,	18 00	
		$120 75

Waquoit, Hose No. 10.

Paid Mrs. J. C. Jones, rent,	$25 00	
American La France Co., sulphuric acid and bottles,	10 00	
C. A. Wright, towing chemical to fires,	8 50	
Geo. W. Jones, 2 fire extinguishers,	20 50	
12 months' telephone service,	11 00	
Fireman's tax allowance,	22 00	
		$97 00

Miscellaneous.

Paid American La France Co., key boxes, respirators, badges, extinguisher head gasket,	$27 06	
Gamewell Fire Alarm Co., coppers and zincs,	25 26	
Falmouth Plumbing Co., labor on whistle,	3 60	
Walworth Mfg. Co., regrinding whistle valve,	6 18	
H. V. Lawrence, paid express, freight, telephone, etc.,	3 58	
Leather Shop, guard for gong hammer,	85	
Special telephone in Electric Light Station,	15 54	
George W. Jones, 2 fire extinguishers, (on hand),	20 50	
		$102 57
		$1,724 35

Report of the School Committee

ADMINISTRATION.

Paid Supt. salary and expenses,	$2,351 12	
Office expenses,	749 52	
School Committee expenses,	139 61	
		$3,240 25

SPECIAL TEACHERS.

Paid Supervisors,		$1,434 50

LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid for instruction,	$7,757 00	
Text-books and supplies,	315 44	
Janitor,	708 64	
Fuel,	942 06	
Repairs,	509 97	
New equipment,	941 49	
Military training,	418 44	
Miscellaneous,	505 07	
		$12,098 11

FALMOUTH GRAMMAR.

Paid for instruction,	$7,187 45	
Text-books and supplies,	628 66	
Janitor,	635 00	
Fuel,	1,152 74	
Repairs,	505 83	
Evening schools,	56 00	
Miscellaneous,	1,122 92	
		$11,288 60

DAVISVILLE.

Paid for instruction,	$507 00	
Text-books and supplies,	32 14	
Janitor,	136 50	
Fuel,	86 52	
Repairs,	46 15	
New equipment,	37 12	
Miscellaneous,	62 74	
		$908 17

EAST FALMOUTH.

Paid for instruction,	$2,006 75	
Text-books and supplies,	161 64	
Janitor,	197 00	
Fuel,	164 01	
Repairs,	327 42	
Evening school,	121 51	
Miscellaneous,	315 49	
		$3,293 82

HATCHVILLE.

Paid for instruction,	$576 10	
Text-books and supplies,	36 48	
Janitor,	190 00	
Fuel,	93 75	
Repairs,	329 14	
New equipment,	147 81	
Miscellaneous,	77 30	
		$1,450 58

NORTH FALMOUTH.

Paid for instruction,	$557 60	
Text-books and supplies,	67 48	
Janitor,	195 00	
Fuel,	180 46	
Repairs,	34 34	
Miscellaneous,	131 72	
		$1,166 60

PINE RIDGE.

Paid for instruction,	$507 00	
Text-books and supplies,	44 46	
Janitor,	195 00	
Fuel,	98 98	
Repairs,	76 08	
Miscellaneous,	86 87	
		$1,008 39

TEATICKET.

Paid for instruction,	$1,076 30	
Text-books and supplies,	115 81	
Janitor,	293 75	
Fuel,	224 22	
Repairs,	35 55	
New building,	1,750 00	
New equipment,	478 15	
Miscellaneous,	226 05	
		$4,199 83

WAQUOIT.

Paid for instruction,	$1,298 80	
Text-books and supplies,	80 70	
Janitor's salaries,	195 00	
Fuel,	136 76	
Repairs,	24 31	
Miscellaneous,	157 52	
		$1,893 09

WEST FALMOUTH.

Paid for instruction,	$1,106 00	
Text-books and supplies,	92 10	
Janitor's supplies,	293 75	
Fuel,	369 77	
Repairs,	159 29	
Evening school,	72 00	
Miscellaneous,	179 71	
		$2,272 62

WOODS HOLE.

Paid for instruction,	$1,985 80	
Text-books and supplies,	152 98	
Janitor,	293 75	
Fuel,	493 34	
Repairs,	388 20	
Miscellaneous,	298 59	
		$3,612 66

QUISSETT.

Paid for repairs,		$ 30

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS.

Paid for transportation,	$7,341 00	
Health,	555 02	
Athletics,	234 00	
Agriculture,	400 00	
		$8,530 02

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

1917.

	Expended.	Appro.
Common schools,	$24,569 70	$20,000 00
High school,	8,915 36	8,500 00
Athletics,	234 00	300 00

Repairs on school buildings,	2,436 58	4,000 00
School books and supplies,	1,624 32	2,000 00
Transportation,	7,341 00	6,500 00
Superintendent and special teachers,	4,281 62	6,000 00
Miscellaneous,	3,093 41	1,700 00
School physician,	555 02	750 00
School nurse,	300 00	300 00
New school building, Teaticket,	2,228 15	2,500 00
Agriculture,	400 00	600 00
West Falmouth heating plant,		500 00
Military training,	418 44	500 00
Income from Lawrence Fund,		709 82
Tuition of State wards,		299 75
Miscellaneous receipts,		45 66
	$56,397 60	$55,205 23

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1918.

Common schools,	$21,000 00
High school, Income from Lawrence fund and	8,500 00
Athletics,	300 00
Repairs,	3,000 00
School books and supplies,	2,200 00
Transportation,	7,000 00
Superintendent and special teachers,	6,000 00
School physician and medical aid,	750 00
School nurse,	500 00
Miscellaneous,	1,800 00
	$51,050 00

Respectfully submitted,

CARL HOLMAN, Secretary.

Report of the Highway Surveyor

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Falmouth:

In accordance with the vote of the town, the following report of the work done and expenses incurred by the Highway Department during the year ending December 31, 1917, by Thomas B. Landers, deceased, and myself is as follows:

The amount expended by Mr. Landers was $15,538.28. The expenditures from the appropriations during my term of service are herewith presented.

Village Highways.

The stone that has been purchased this year during my term of office and stored at the crusher has been charged to the village highway section, also all stone that has been purchased for general repairs throughout the township except North Falmouth and Woods Hole which is charged to those sections.

Oil Road at Waquoit.

I recommend that the town raise and appropriate one thousand dollars ($1,000) to repair this piece of road wherever necessary, as the road is very much in need of it.

SECTIONAL LABOR.

Village and Stone Crusher,	$4,080 72
Quissett,	434 50
Woods Hole,	2,186 00

West Falmouth,	750 37
North Falmouth,	713 82
Hatchville,	170 20
East End,	353 95
Waquoit,	1,053 50
East Falmouth,	707 45
Teaticket,	2,553 80
Miscellaneous,	748 13
Road Machine Work,	846 19
Total,	$14,598 63

Appropriation, $15,000.00
Less than appropriation, $401.37

RAILINGS.

Railings, $522 20
Appropriation, $900.00
Less than appropriation, $377.80

BRIDGES.

Bridges, $1,479 40
Appropriation, $1,600.00
Less than appropriation, $120.60

SNOW.

Snow, $1,513 15
Appropriation, $1,500.00
Exceeds appropriation, $13.15

DUSTLAYING.

Dustlaying, ——— $6,148 83
Appropriation, $5,000.00
Exceeds appropriation, $614.83

NOBSKA ROAD.

Nobska road, ——— $199 77
Appropriation, $228.18
Less than appropriation, $28.41

CURBINGS.

Curbings, ——— $527 75
Appropriation, $500.00
Exceeds appropriation, $27.75

GRAND AVENUE

Grand avenue, ——— $1,138 78
Appropriation, $1,058.89
Exceeds appropriation, $79.89

CHAPPOQUOIT BRIDGE.

Chappoquoit bridge, ——— $4,372 73
Appropriation, $5,000.00
Less than appropriation, $627.27

NORTH FALMOUTH AND HATCHVILLE ROAD.

North Falmouth and Hatchville road, ———— $10,610 64

GREAT POND RIP RAP.

Great Pond rip rap, ———— $531 61
Appropriation, $500.00
Exceeds appropriation, $31.61

THE RICH DRAIN.

Rich drain, ———— $276 16
Appropriation, $500.00
Less than appropriation, $223.84

BOARD WALK.

Board walk, ———— $291 07
Appropriation, $300.00
Less than appropriation, $8.93

CLERICAL HELP.

Clerical help, ———— $242 94
Appropriation, $250.00
Less than appropriation, $7.06

WILDWOOD AVENUE.

Wildwood avenue, ———— $204 58
Appropriation, $500.00
Less than appropriation, $295.42

NORTH STREET, WOODS HOLE.

North street, Woods Hole, ———— $436 41
Unexpended.

DAVISVILLE ROAD.

Davisville road, ———— $281 06
Appropriation, $350.00
Less than appropriation, $68.94

LAKEVIEW AVENUE.

Lakeview avenue, ———— $10 20
Appropriation, $500.00
Less than appropriation, $489.80

ORCHARD AND HIGH STREETS.

Orchard and High streets, ———— $77 20
Appropriation, $259.50
Less than appropriation, $182.30

DRAINAGE.

Drainage, ——— $801 61
Appropriation, $600.00
Exceeds appropriation, $201.61

CLEARING CURVES.

Clearing curves, ——— $209 71
Appropriation, $300.00
Less than appropriation, $90.29

PINE STREET.

Pine street, ——— $1,080 40
Appropriation, $1,000.00
Exceeds appropriation, $80.40

EAST FALMOUTH ROAD.

East Falmouth road, ——— $2,000 00

RECAPITULATION.

	Appro.	Expended	Less App.	Ex. App.
Village and stone crusher,	$4,080	72		
Quissett,	434	50		
Woods Hole,	2,186	00		
West Falmouth,	750	37		

	Appro.	Expended	Less App.	Ex. App.
North Falmouth,		713 82		
Hatchville,		170 20		
East End,		353 95		
Waquoit,		1,053 50		
East Falmouth,		707 45		
Teaticket,		2,553 80		
Miscellaneous,		748 13		
Road machine work,		846 19		
	$15,000 00	$14,598 63		
Railings,	900 00	522 20	$401 37	
Bridges,	1,600 00	1,479 40	120 60	
Snow,	1,500 00	1,513 15		$ 13 15
Dustlaying,	5,000 00	5,614 83		614 83
Nobska road,	228 18	199 77	28 41	
Curbings,	500 00	527 75		27 75
Grand avenue,	1,058 89	1,138 78		79 89
Chappoquoit bridge,	5,000 00	4,372 73	627 27	
North Falmouth and Hatchville road,	8,000 00	10,610 64		193 76
Great Pond rip rap,	500 00	531 61		31 61
Rich drain,	500 00	276 16	223 84	
Board walk,	300 00	291 07	8 93	
Clerical work,	250 00	242 94	7 06	
Wildwood avenue,	500 00	204 58	295 42	
No. street, Woods Hole,	436 41		436 41	
Davisville road,	350 00	281 06	68 94	
Lakeview avenue,	500 00	10 20	489 80	
Orchard and High streets,	259 50	77 20	182 30	
Drainage,	600 00	801 61		201 61
Clearing curves,	300 00	209 71	90 29	
Pine street,	1,000 00	1,080 40		80 40
Swift road,	2,000 00			
Re-appropriated,	416 88			
	$46,699 86	$44,584 42	$3,358 44	$1,243 00

There remains $2,000.00 due Thomas & Murphy on East Falmouth road, and there is $2,000.00 due the town from the state.

	Appro.	Expended	Less App.	Ex. App.
Credits:				
John H. Randall, steam roller,	$ 10 00			
Chas. H. Crane, drainage,	194 57			
State,	5 00			
Mrs. Josephine Busse, curbing,	109 07			
L. D. Langley, curbing,	23 75			
Frank L. Wells, curbing,	50 31			
W. T. Rich, acct. stone,	150 00			
Lumber sold,	10 00			
Order No. 217 returned,	22 50			
Acct. Pine street,	14 27			
N. S. Ellis, highway,	10 00			
Wm. Trainor, curbing,	7 50			
Approp'at'ns & credits,	$47,306 83			
Total expenditures,		$44,584 42		
Less total appropriations,			$2,722 41	

STOCK ON HAND.

Asphalt: 35 bbls. Aztec of Asphalt; 35 bbls. Betchment; 3 bbls. Cold Patching.

Stone: 7 tons stone; 15 tons No. 1; 4 tons pea size.

North Street, Woods Hole.

I would ask to have the $436.41 left on North street re-appropriated to be expended this year on the same road.

East Falmouth and Hatchville Road.

These roads have been built of Sockney and Aztec. Hatch-

ville about 956 square yards. At the time of going to press, the town owes the contractors $2,000.00, not having received that reimbursement from the state of $2,000.00.

In East Falmouth the town and state have built 4573 square yards sand and oil surface road leading to East End, and I have asked the County Commissioners to widen, straighten, and relocate the two sharp curves on said road.

Great Pond Rip Rap.

The five hundred dollars appropriated at the special town meeting, held May 10th, to prevent the sea from washing away the piece of road leading from the Great Pond bridge to Menauhant, has been spent in rip-rapping with stone and has proven very satisfactory.

Wildwood Avenue.

I have two carloads of stone on hand that was bought for this piece of highway and did not put them on because I could not get any more stone shipped to me on account of shortage of cars, and will ask for the unexpended balance of $295.42 to be reappropriated.

Long Neck Bridge.

Long Neck bridge, West Falmouth, not being in good condition, shall ask for one thousand dollars ($1,000) to make necessary repairs to carry it along a few more years without rebuilding.

Menauhant Road.

To rebuild the road leading from Menauhant to the Washburn property, formerly called old Menauhant, and recently washed away by the sea, would cost some three thousand dollars ($3,000) to rebuild and properly protect. In my best judgment the best thing for the town would be to relocate the road one hundred feet more or less back from the beach.

Chappoquoit Road.

The road leading to Chappoquoit has been washed away by the sea, and I think it will cost about three thousand dollars ($3,000) to replace the same.

APPROPRIATIONS.

General repairs,	$15,000 00	
Railings,	900 00	
Bridges,	1,600 00	
Snow,	1,500 00	
Dustlaying,	5,000 00	
Curbing,	500 00	
Drainage,	600 00	
Clearing curves,	300 00	
		$25,400 00

RE-APPROPRIATIONS.

Wildwood avenue,	$295 42	
Orchard and High streets,	182 30	
North street, Woods Hole,	436 41	
		$914 13

NEW APPROPRIATIONS.

Oil road, Waquoit,	$1,000 00	
Long Neck bridge,	1,000 00	
Rip rap, Great Pond river bridge,	500 00	
		$2,500 00
Total,		$28,814 13

NATHAN S. ELLIS,
Highway Surveyor.

Report of the Board of Health

The Board of Health submits the following report:

Report of Expenses.

Paid Auditor, Department of Health, vaccine rabies,	$ 25 00
C. R. Robinson,	2 00
Mary E. Cook, 1916,	25 00
Charles E. Carroll,	63 00
American Journal,	3 00
New Bedford Tuberculosis Sanatorium,	151 56
T. L. Swift,	5 00
Dr. T. A. Wiswall,	75 00
Charles E. Carroll,	28 00
New Bedford Tuberculosis Sanatorium,	76 00
Mass. Association of Boards of Health,	2 50
Charles E. Carroll,	7 00
New Bedford Tuberculosis Sanatorium,	84 14
New Bedford Tuberculosis Sanatorium,	89 57
Charles E. Carroll,	35 00
Charles E. Carroll,	70 00
New Bedford Tuberculosis Sanatorium,	17 13
Dr. L. C. Jones,	60 00
Dr. L. C. Jones,	20 00
L. W. Conant, Prop.,	4 00
Charles S. Baker,	3 00
Charles E. Carroll,	63 00
Dr. L. C. Jones,	1 50
New Bedford Tuberculosis Sanatorium,	17 14
Wood Lumber Co.,	2 25

S. L. Hamlin,	25	
Winfield Baker,	12 58	
William E. Lawrence,	1 30	
New Bedford Tuberculosis Sanatorium,	38 57	
State Board of Charity,	4 00	
New Bedford Anti-Tuberculosis Ass'n,	24 28	
A. H. Lovell,	2 50	
A. H. Lovell,	2 90	
Charles E. Carroll,	42 00	
Bessie G. Monson,	21 80	
T. L. Swift, paid Katherine MacKinnon,	59 30	
Dr. G. E. F. Donkin,	1 75	
Charles E. Carroll,	28 00	
Fanny Sawyer Earle,	72 20	
Dr, T. A. Wiswall,	165 05	
Dr. G. E. F. Donkin,	284 58	
Dr. L. C. Jones,	402 00	
Dr. T. L. Swift,	286 14	
Mary E. Cook, 1917,	50 00	
The Falmouth Nursing Association,	300 00	
Irez C. Hilton,	42 00	
Henry A. Phinney,	12 00	
		$2,782 99

Contagious diseases reported to the Board of Health during the year 1917:

Total number of cases 65.

As follows:

Chicken-pox,	20
Dog bite, rabid dog,	1
Measles,	23
Tuberculosis,	6
Rabies,	1
German measles,	3
Mumps,	5
Typhoid,	2
Whooping cough,	4
	65

Complaints received and officially acted upon, 145.
Licenses issued for 1917:

13 licenses for keeping swine.

107 licenses for sale of milk.

Under the law of August 3, 1914, there were 107 inspections of premises for selling of milk.

Appropriation, $4,500.00
Amount expended, $2,782.99
Less than appropriation, $1,717.01

In consideration of the uncertainty of the number of patients who may be under our charge the ensuing year, and the amount of outstanding hospital bills unpaid at this time, we ask for the same appropriation as last year, viz: $4,500.00.

The Board of Health recommends the purchasing of a motor ambulance, the money for purchasing of same to be taken from their regular appropriation.

Once more, at this time, we take the opportunity to thank the medical profession for its co-operation with us in the suppression of contagious diseases, and also the trustees of the public library and the librarian, the school committee and school physician.

Respectfully submitted,
T. L. SWIFT,
L. C. JONES,
GEORGE E. F. DONKIN,
Board of Health.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor

"Town Home."

Frank L. Evans, Warden.

Salary, $425.00.

Stock on hand Dec. 31, 1917,		$1,644 10

Expense at the "Town Home."

Paid for grain,	$510 78	
Clothing,	39 33	
Medical aid and nursing,	20 30	
Telephone,	23 54	
Lights,	35 29	
Fish, meats, etc.,	199 87	
Groceries,	270 49	
Ice,	20 21	
Water service,	32 00	
Fertilizer,	44 00	
Fruit,	11 98	
Fuel,	189 92	
Seeds,	53 92	
Pigs,	29 50	
Tools,	27 38	
Carting, sawing and cutting wood,	38 62	
Labor,	345 36	
Teaming,	70 75	
Miscellaneous items,	165 06	
Surveying the property,	85 85	
		$2,214 15

Cr.

By supplies sold from farm,	$482 62
Net expense at farm,	$1,731 52

Number of inmates at the Town Home, Dec. 31, 1916,	3
Admitted during the year,	3
Discharged during the year,	2
Removed by death,	1
Number of inmates Dec. 31, 1917,	3

Aid to outside poor,	$5,523 76
Due from the State under Chapter 763, Acts of 1913,	467 67
Net expense of outside poor,	$5,056 09

Miscellaneous.

Paid sundry bills for box rent, office supplies, clerical services, advertising, etc.,	$207 85	
Transportation,	47 50	
Cash allowances,	435 00	
For poor belonging to other towns,	157 95	
For poor belonging to the state,	489 62	
Funerals,	40 00	
Keeper's salary,	425 00	
		$1,802 92

Recapitulation.

Dr.

Total cost of running the "Town Home,"	$2,214 15	
Aid to outside poor,	5,523 76	
Aid to poor belonging to other towns,	157 95	
Aid to poor belonging to the state,	489 62	
Cash allowances,	435 00	
Transportation,	47 50	
Miscellaneous bills,	207 85	
Funerals,	40 00	
Keeper's salary,	425 00	
		$9,540 83

Cr.

Received for supplies sold from farm,	$482 63	
On account of inmates of the Home,	101 39	
On account of outside aid,	59 23	
Stock on hand over Dec. 31, 1916,	316 55	
Due from other towns,	157 95	
Due from the state,	957 29	
		$2,075 04
		$7,465 79

Appropriation, $7,000.00
Exceeds appropriation, $465.79

ANDREW W. DAVIS,
ASA L. PATTEE,
THEODORE M. DAVIS,
Overseers of the Poor.

Report of the Selectmen

The Selectmen herewith present their annual report for the year 1917.

The board has received several petitions asking for the laying out of new roads. We have laid out and prepared for the town's acceptance the following: from Chester avenue to the Cataumet harbor, near the residence of Nathaniel Bryant at North Falmouth; also from Quissett avenue to the northerly end of Pleasant street in Woods Hole, through the Gansett property, (so-called).

The board has received from the Coonamessett Ranch Co. a petition to relocate the road bounds of several sections of the highways in the vicinity of Hatchville. We have attended to the call and have caused stone bounds on such portions as have been relocated.

We have also surveyed several avenues at Silver Beach, as voted for by the town at the last annual meeting, all the work will be presented to the town for its approval at this annual meeting. It has been the policy of the board for several years past to put in leaded stone bounds in all the roads laid out or relocated. We believe this to be a good policy and should be continued. In doing this, permanent bounds for all time are placed and can by consulting the records be easily found. If this practice had been employed years ago much labor and expense would have been saved the town.

We believe at the coming meeting some definite plan should be adopted by the town in relation to its foreshores, particularly in the vicinity of Falmouth Heights. The town has for a period of years spent large amounts of money in the endeavor to save the bluff from the encroachment of the sea, but up to this time

the efforts of the town, and state as well, have been almost a failure. Various heights and depths of walls have been built, but do not perform the work or protection that was expected of it. We would recommend that a sum of money sufficient to do the work be raised and placed in the hands of a **competant experienced** committee to expend. No person who has visited the bluffs and seen how few feet of solid earth is left from the street to the edge of the bank, can for one moment doubt that something to protect the remaining bank must be done, done well and quickly. This matter is one which should receive immediate, earnest, careful attention and the town in selecting a committee should see to it that it is a right one to deal with the problem confronting them.

Another matter which we wish to bring to the attention of the voters is the bathing casino at the foot of Shore street. We have, since the town purchased the property, each year expended small sums of money in the general up-keep and repair. The building has now arrived to the age or condition where very extensive repairs are necessary and will entail the laying out of a large sum of money to put it in repair and make some extension. As it now is the number of rooms for rental, under normal conditions, will about pay the running expense. Every year there are a large number of persons turned away which the superintendent cannot take care of. We recommend that a few more rooms be added and by so doing the building can be made to show a profit to the town.

The Buzzards Bay Electric Co. service for the past year has furnished current for 601 annual and 94 summer lights. You will pardon the board for again calling the public attention to the fact that by calling 5–3 on the telephone and notifying the office, burned out lamps will be much quicker replaced than by notifying the selectmen.

The board this year has made, after making a good many inquiries, a radical change in the method of making up the Town Report. We believe that in the line of conserving expense that it will be appreciated by the voter and still show him the various expenditures for the past year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid C. A. Wright, delivering reports,	$ 2 00	
S. A. Holton, moderator,	40 00	
John A. Holway, transfers,	29 80	
E. T. Davis, delivering town reports,	2 25	
J. F. Phillips, auto hire,	4 00	
Falmouth National Bank, safe deposit box,	4 00	
J. T. Johnston Co., plates and badges,	32 50	
W. P. Dimmick, delivering town reports,	3 00	
Arthur T. Lovell, stenographer for town meeting report,	300 00	
L. C. Chase, delivering town reports,	3 00	
Arthur T. Lovell, stenographer for town meeting report,	108 00	
County Commissioners, road fee,	3 00	
John A. Holway, transfer, Jan. 1, 1917,	40 40	
County Commissioners, entrance fee,	3 00	
James J. Hinckley, Waquoit channel,	7 63	
Geo. H. Turner, auctioneer's service,	5 00	
L. C. Chase, delivering ballot boxes,	7 50	
John A. Holway, transfers,	31 00	
W. H. Hewins, clerical help,	100 00	
County Commissioners, road fee,	3 00	
S. MacPherson, clerk hire,	12 00	
		$741 08

Paid Approving notes,	$ 24 00
Armory and drill ground,	747 86
(To be reimbursed by the State)	
Auto hire, selectmen,	83 00
Auto hire, for officers,	84 50
Auditors,	407 00
Board for prisoners,	20 88

Falmouth Brass Band,	500 00
Appropriation, $500.00	
Bathing Casino,	268 85
Claims and suits,	127 40
Constable service,	322 45
Court charges,	494 63
Cemeteries, care of,	203 59
Cemeteries, perpetual care of,	812 75
Dumping grounds,	294 27
Drains,	25 00
Birth and death returns,	35 25
Election officers, meals for,	83 20
Election officers,	380 00
Finance Committee,	9 60
Appropriation, 1916, $100.00	
Less than appropriation, $91.40	
Finance Committee,	10 50
Appropriation, 1917, $200.00	
Less than appropriation, $189.50	
Fence Viewers,	4 00
Forest fires,	131 00
Herring rivers,	678 15
Insurance,	749 98
Insurance for workmen,	594 55
Appropriation, $500.00	
Exceeds appropriation, $94.55	
Harbor Master,	75 48
(Travel and expense)	
Home economics,	184 41
Appropriation, $300.00	
Less than appropriation, $115.59	
Inland fisheries,	3 00
Appropriation, $100.00	
Less than appropriation, $97.00	
Intemperance and gambling,	43 94
Appropriation, $500.00	
Less than appropriation, $456.06	
Inspection of dead animals,	627 00
Inspection of live animals,	259 00

New jail,	338 80
Appropriation, $400.00	
Less than appropriation, $61.20	
Janitor,	767 25
Legal advice,	145 00
Lockup, keeper of,	26 50
Land damage,	150 00
Appropriation, $200.00	
Less than appropriation, $50.00	
Memorial Day,	200 00
Appropriation, $200.00	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.,	3 13
(Care of Bells)	
Parks, Good Will park,	401 27
Appropriation, $400.00	
Exceeds appropriation, $1.27	
Printing and stationery,	1,422 62
Appropriation, $1,500.00	
Less than appropriation, $77.38	
Sealer's travel,	100 00
Sealer's supplies,	50 63
Special police,	136 00
Soldiers' relief,	289 00
Selectmen, for bounties and expenses,	150 00
Surveying roads and setting bounds,	368 85
(Signs and boards)	
State Guards,	4,992 38
Appropriation, $5,000.00	
Less than appropriation, $7.62	
Stenographer,	498 00
Appropriation, $500.00	
Less than appropriation, $2.00	
Rebate on taxes,	208 26
Registrars,	353 50
Travel and expense,	15 56
Tellers,	41 00
Town clock, care of,	31 25
Town landings,	11 40
Town hall and offices,	1,078 57

N. E. Tel. & Tel.,	100 49
B. B. Electric Co.,	94 50
Wells,	22 05

SALARIES.

Paid Board of Health,	$ 150 00
Overseers of Poor,	600 00
R. C. Jenkins, Collector of Taxes,	1,068 48
A. Underwood, Selectman and Assessor,	999 96
J. P. Swift, Selectman and Assessor,	999 96
J. F. Donaldson, Selectman and Assessor,	1,000 00
G. C. Clark, Sealer of Weights and Measures,	375 00
J. J. Veeder, Harbor Master,	75 00
W. H. Hewins, Town Clerk and Treasurer,	1,050 00
H. H. Taylor, Inspector of Wires,	233 33
T. B. Landers, Highway Surveyor,	777 53
N. S. Ellis, Highway Surveyor,	1,422 47
H. H. Lawrence, Forest Warden,	85 00
	$8,836 73

SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF FALMOUTH.

Dr.

Paid Express, box rent, etc.,	$ 19 92	
Bounty on 527 rats,	131 75	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1917,	27 33	
		$179 00

Cr.

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1916,	$ 21 64	
Cash from various sources,	7 36	
Cash from Town Treasurer for bounty and expense,	150 00	
		$179 00

REGULATING AUTOS AND TRAFFIC OFFICERS.

Paid for regulating autos,	$ 61 11	
Traffic officers,	1,232 00	
		$1,293 11

Appropriation, $1,300.00
Less than appropriation, $ .89

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Buzzards Bay Electric Co.,		$10,019 58

Appropriation, $10,050.00
Less than appropriation, $30.42

INTEREST.

Paid interest,		$2,760 19

LIBRARIES.

Paid West Falmouth,	$ 200 00	
Woods Hole,	250 00	
Falmouth,	2,000 00	
Dog Fund,	463 32	
		$2,913 32

REPAIRS OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Paid Almshouse,	$ 272 08	
Town Hall,	1,173 00	
Bathing Casino,	455 80	
Tool House, Old Cemetery,	75 00	
		$1,975 88

HYDRANT RENTAL.

Paid Hydrant rental,	$6,990 00

BONDS, NOTES, ETC.

Paid Premium on Water Commissioners and Town Treasurer bonds,	$ 190 00
Falmouth National Bank, Town Hall note,	2,500 00
Ned Bedford Institution for Savings, Eel Pond Channel note,	2,500 00
Falmouth National Bank, borrowed money,	100,000 00
County Treasurer, County tax,	19,780 20
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on account Waquoit Bay,	2,000 00
Cemetery deposits,	1,575 00

VOTE OF THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH.

Relative to Funds Deposited for the Care of Burial Grounds.

Section 1. Voted, that the town will receive such sums of money not exceeding $500.00, as may be deposited with its treas-

urer under the provisions of chapter 82, section 17 of the public statutes and chapter 186 of the acts of 1884, for the perpetual care of burial lots, said sums shall be invested by a board of investment consisting of the town treasurer and selectmen, and will allow interest for the same the first day of January or July succeeding such deposits.

Sec. 2. The treasurer shall notify the selectmen in writing of all sums deposited with him, under section 1, with the date of the deposits and the particular purpose or purposes to which they are to be applied.

Sec. 3. The income of said deposits, also any part of the principal thereof, designated by the depositors to be expended, shall be paid on the order of the selectmen for the purposes which they are designed under the provisions of statutes referred to in section 1. If in any year the income of such sums of money shall not amount to four percent of the principal, the town shall make up the deficiency to that percent, and the town shall be responsible for keeping the principal intact.

CEMETERY DEPOSITS FOR PERPETUAL CARE OF CEMETERY LOTS.

	Deposit	Care	Surplus
Allen, Christina B.	$ 50 00	$ 2 00	
Braley, George H.	100 00		
Buffinton, M. Alice	100 00	4 00	$ 2 00
Baker, Jabez B.	50 00	3 00	7 00
Baker, Nehemiah P.	100 00	6 00	
Bourne, Celia D.	300 00	12 00	10 00
Bunker, Henry C.	100 00	4 00	
Bourne, Eliza J.	200 00	15 00	50 90
Burrell, Harriet	100 00	4 00	
Bourne, John B.	100 00	4 00	
Bates, Arthur L.	150 00	8 00	3 50

	Deposit	Care	Surplus
Butler, Daniel W.	400 00	16 00	16 00
Baker, Leander	150 00		15 00
Crowell, Albert C.	100 00		
Crocker, Harriet E.	75 00		1 50
Cowen, Eliza J.	100 00	4 00	
Childs, Harry W.	100 00	4 00	
Cahoon, Barzillai C.	100 00	4 00	
Coleman, Nathaniel	200 00	8 00	6 80
Chadwick, William W.	100 00	2 75	17 94
Crocker, Malora A.	150 00	6 00	
The Cornish Burial Lot	120 00	4 00	80
Chadwick, Winslow H.	100 00	4 00	
Childs, Frederick N.	200 00	11 00	5 50
Dimmick, Joseph	100 00	4 00	
Davis, Richard A.	100 00	4 00	
Davis, Frederick	100 00	4 00	28
Densmore, Elizabeth J.	100 00	4 00	
Davis, Mary D.	100 00	4 00	
Dillingham, Eliza F.	100 00	4 00	
Davis, William and Deborah	100 00	4 00	
Davis, Rhoda R.	100 00	4 00	5 00
Davis, Nathaniel	100 00	4 00	2 00
Davis, Emily D.	50 00		
Emmons, Nathaniel H.	200 00	8 00	21 71
Edmonds, William L.	50 00		
Eldred, Ward, Senior	75 00	1 50	3 50
Fish, Malora A.	100 00		
Fish, Ruthena Maria,	100 00	4 00	
Fish, Cornelius B.	100 00	4 65	4 00
Fish, Abner C.	100 00	4 00	
Fish, Arza	200 00	8 00	12 45
Fearing Legacy	100 00	5 80	Def. 60
Fish, Solomon L.	100 00	4 00	
Fisher, Henrietta L.	100 00	1 70	37 10
Fish, Love J.	150 00	9 60	8 00
Fish, George Washburn	150 00	6 00	17 35
Friends Burial Ground	1,000 00	40 00	
Ferguson, Ellsworth	100 00	4 00	

	Deposit	Care	Surplus
Fish, Elijah H.	85 00	3 40	
Gifford, Sylvina	100 00		
Gifford, Hannah E.	100 00	2 00	2 00
Greene, Ansel	100 00	4 00	
Goodspeed, Caroline E.	150 00	6 00	4 00
Gates, Mary A.	50 00	2 00	
Gifford, Benjamin R.	150 00	6 00	7 35
Gifford, Gideon C.	100 00	4 00	
Hatch, Silas	50 00	1 50	50
Hatch, Heman N.	100 00	2 00	2 00
Hinckley, Lydia P.	100 00	4 00	
Hatch, Joseph B.	150 00	6 00	5 50
Hatch, James J.	50 00	2 00	
Hatch, Robert H.	50 00	2 25	Def. 25
Hatch, Mrs. I. A.	105 50	4 25	19
Hamblin, Gertrude L.	25 00	1 00	1 00
Howland, William H.	100 00	4 00	
Hatch, Willard	100 00	6 00	11 25
Harris, Mrs. Jacob	100 00	4 00	
Hatch, Ralph H.	50 00	2 00	1 00
Hatch, Francis M.	50 00	2 00	
Hatch, Louis H.	25 00	1 00	
Jenkins, Prince	100 00	4 00	
Jones, Silas	200 00	8 00	9 50
Jones, William F.	200 00	8 00	14 13
Jenkins, Chloe T.	200 00	8 00	8 00
Jenkins, Henry W.	100 00	3 45	23 95
Lawrence, William Gray	100 00		
Lawrence, Thomas R.	100 00	4 00	
Landers, Ezra B.	100 00	2 75	1 25
Lawrence, Barzillai S.	100 00	4 00	
Lawrence, George S.	100 00	4 00	
Lincoln, John C.	100 00	4 00	
Landers, Alden B.	75 00	3 00	16 00
Lawrence, Lewis H.	150 00	6 00	9 00
Lawrence, Sarah P.	100 00	4 00	
Lawrence, Meltiah	100 00	4 00	
Lawrence, Joseph	50 00	2 00	64

	Deposit	Care	Surplus
Lawrence, Thomas H.	150 00	6 00	8 40
Mitchell, H. F.	50 00		
Marston, Elizabeth W.	150 00	6 00	
Nye, Elihu and Daniel B.	100 00		2 00
Nye, Francis A., Benj. L. and tomb of Francis Nye	200 00	8 00	4 00
Nye, Ebenezer	100 00	1 50	2 50
Nye, Mary C. and Wm. H. Bourne	100 00	5 00	13 00
Nye, Ferdinand G.	100 00	4 00	5 50
Nye, Olive B.	100 00	4 00	
Nye, Charles H.	100 00	2 50	13 50
Price, Mrs. F. M.	100 00		4 00
Park, Elizabeth G.	700 00	28 00	64 04
Phinney, Abishai and Hannah	200 00	6 00	
Parker, Aurelia	100 00	4 00	
Phinney, C. H.	100 00	2 50	6 50
Pease, Frederick Harlow	100 00	1 50	2 50
Pierce, Obed	100 00	6 00	
Robinson, Elisha	100 00	4 00	
Robinson, Roland	100 00	5 00	9 00
Robinson, Samuel	200 00	8 00	
Robinson, Elijah	200 00	9 00	
Robinson, Henry	100 00	4 16	
Rogers, Elizabeth F.	100 00	4 00	
Robinson, Mary D.	250 00	10 00	9 89
Robinson, Joshua	200 00	9 50	12 60
Robinson, Celia D.	175 00	7 00	
Robinson, John Henry	250 00	11 50	26 50
Robinson, William F.	50 00	2 50	Def. 50
Swift, William C.	100 00		2 00
Swift, Sarah J., Swift Fund, Friends Burial Ground	500 00	20 00	
Swift, Browning	100 00	4 00	
Smith, Mary A.	100 00	3 50	13 50
Shiverick,, Harriet	100 00	8 00	
Stevens, Mary A.	100 00	4 00	
Swift, Mary B.	100 00	4 50	3 21
Stone, Mary A.	50 00	2 00	

	Deposit	Care	Surplus
Swift, Lewin S.	100 00	4 00	4 00
Shiverick, Martha W.	200 00	8 00	
Shiverick, Celia M.	100 00	4 00	
Smith, Lydia	200 00	7 60	9 39
Swift, George W.	300 00	12 00	14 40
Shiverick, Celia F.	200 00	4 00	
Small, Elizabeth A.	100 00	1 30	30 68
Turner, Charles H.	100 00		
Turner, Samuel F.	100 00	2 00	200
Thompson, Mary E.	100 00	4 00	
Tobey, Eunice R.	200 00	8 00	8 76
Turkington, E. D.	50 00	2 00	
Turner, Harry W.	100 00	4 00	1 50
Underwood, Arthur	100 00	4 00	
Webster, John and Abigail	200 00	8 00	5 00
Winslow, Joseph D.	100 00	6 00	
Wicks, Hannah B.	100 00	4 00	35
Williams, Susan E.	100 00	4 00	84
Wood, Julia W.	35 00	1 75	1 40
Weeks, Sabra R.	100 00	4 00	

Woods Hole Cemetery.

L. L. Adams fund,	$25 00	$1 00
Daniel H. Cleaveland fund,	25 00	1 00
Alexander T. Chadwick fund,	50 00	2 00
Jabez Davis fund,	100 00	4 00
Edmund Davis fund,	50 00	2 00
Abbie L. Eldridge fund,	50 00	2 00
David Fraser fund,	25 00	1 00
George Fisher fund,	50 00	2 00
Elihu H. Fish fund,	25 00	1 00
Elihu Fish fund,	62 50	2 50
Eliel T. Fish fund,	50 00	2 00

	Deposit	Care
Charles J. Grinnell fund,	50 00	2 00
Oliver C. Grinnell, Jr., fund,	50 00	2 00
Franklin L. Gifford fund,	50 00	2 00
Clarence M. Gifford fund,	50 00	2 00
William H. Henley fund,	75 00	3 00
Lucretia Hinckley fund,	100 00	4 00
Ella Hinckley fund,	25 00	1 00
Mildred von Holnstein fund,	100 00	4 00
Jotham Howes fund,	50 00	2 00
Reuben P. Hamblin fund,	50 00	2 00
H. G. Haddon fund,	25 00	1 00
Adaline Hatch fund,	60 00	2 40
T, E. Howes fund,	50 00	2 00
Walter O. Luscombe fund,	100 00	4 00
Mary A. Locke fund,	25 00	1 00
Marine Biological Laboratory fund,	100 00	4 00
Alfred Nickerson fund,	50 00	2 00
Gertrude N. Nicholson fund,	25 00	1 00
Rev. Henry H. Neales fund,		2 00
Charles C. Purdum fund,	75 00	3 00
Nathaniel B. Potter fund,	50 00	2 00
Prince M. Stewart fund,	50 00	2 00
Almon P. Sturgis fund,	50 00	2 00
Edward E. Swift fund,	50 00	2 00
Isaiah Spindell fund,	25 00	1 00
Ruth Shiverick fund,	50 00	2 00
Edward Swift fund,	62 50	2 50
John P. Swift fund,	50 00	2 00
George B. Young fund,		2 00
Woods Hole Village Cemetery fund,		20 16

REPORT OF HARBOR MASTER.

January 11, 1918.

Board of Selectmen,
Falmouth, Mass.

Gentlemen:—

I hereby submit my report as Harbor Master for the year 1917. Have seen that the channels have been kept clear in our several harbors; removed several obstructions; located several moorings; had some of the harbors staked out and would report all of our harbors in good condition. Have had the town landings cleared of rubbish and cleaned up.

At a meeting of the town's Public Safety Committee, Mr. Robert Laird, Samuel Cahoon, Charles R. Grinnell and myself were appointed a committee to look over any suspicious boats entering any of our harbors, and I have given a good deal of time to this work; have looked over lots of boats and co-operated with our District Commander, getting all of our boats properly numbered so as to conform with the Government regulations.

Yours truly,

JOHN J. VEEDER,
Harbor Master.

REPORT OF HERRING COMMITTEE ON COONAMESSETT RIVER.

Paid W. S. Baker, for care of river,	$70 04	
Falmouth Hardware Co., 1 galv. lock,	65	
1 sq. point shovel,	1 50	
Wood Lumber Co.,	6 88	
Edgar Swett,	3 75	
Edgar Fuller,	5 00	
George Crowley,	2 50	
Harry G. Brough,	5 00	
Herbert H. Lawrence,	2 50	
		$97 82

On the opening of the herring season, we found the river in bad shape. Tons of sand and gravel washed from the highway and had to be removed before the water was let down from bogs, as the river was blocked solid under the bridge and liable to cause a big washout to the road. A part of the river is boarded up on the sides and this year needed some new boarding. The river, from the head of Ward's bog on to Coonamessett pond, over a mile, must be cleaned out, bushes mowed on the sides every spring in order for the fish to get in the pond for breeding purposes. This part of the stream, as you all know, was dug by the town, cut through the woods and swamp, is very narrow with many sharp turns, and clogs up very easily. This is one reason why it costs money to keep a 5-mile river clear and in good shape. Now, as the town sold this river, the people will wonder why it cost so much money to keep it in condition. The catcher did all his fishing at the house in East Falmouth, ordered to do so by the town. This fish house is at the lower end of the river, leaving the entire distance above in the care of the herring committee every day through the season. Itemized bills for all work are in the hands of the auditors, that is, all work done by herring committee.

Roof of herring house in East Falmouth must be shingled soon, also a new flume at the entrance of Coonamessett pond, as the old one is very poor and nearly gone.

WINFIELD S. BAKER,
E. T. DAVIS,
W. P. DIMMICK,
Herring Committee.

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Falmouth, Jan. 5, 1918.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen—Greeting:

Your Sealer of Weights and Measures having performed the duties of his office under the directions of the State Inspector, to the best of his judgment, would submit the following report:

The State Standards are in good condition and show to good advantage in their new quarters.

The sealer's working set will be all right when furnished with the new seals for 1918, which should be here within a few days.

The work done in 1917 shows as follows:

Scales weighing more than 5.000 lbs., sealed 6; condemned 2.
Scales weighing less than 5,000 lbs, sealed 45; condemned 1.
Counter scales, sealed 28.
Beam scales, sealed 5.
Spring balances, sealed 31; condemned 3.
Computing platform scales, sealed 10.
Computing hanging scales, sealed 3.
Slot weighing scales, sealed 2; condemned 2.
Weights, avoirdupois, sealed 295.
Dry measures, sealed 3.
Liquid measures, sealed 72; condemned 5.
Oil measuring pumps, sealed 19.
Molasses measuring pumps, sealed 4; condemned 5.
Yard measures, sealed 2.
Tape measures, sealed 2.
Sealing fees amount to $46.72.
Check to town treasurer, Dec. 31, $46.72.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. C. CLARK, Sealer.

REPORT OF WIRE INSPECTOR.

Falmouth, Mass., December 24th, 1917.

During the year 1917 there has been a fair increase in the lighting installations, although slightly less than in 1916. There were 99 new installations for lighting with a total wattage of 53,715, equal to 2,148.6 25 watt lamps. There were 9 motor installations with an aggregate H. P. of 10.6. There was quite a number of additions to old installations.

H. H. TAYLOR,
Inspector of Wires.

Report of the Park Commissioners

We recommend the sum of one thousand dollars for parks. Last year our appropriation was twelve hundred dollars. We realize it is necessary to cut down all appropriations and we are willing to do our part.

Relative to the sea wall at Falmouth Heights, conversant as we are with the need of protecting the town's property, we recommend that the town appoint a committee comprised of men who realize the conditions that exist and appropriate a sum of money that they may appear at a hearing before the Waterway Commission in Boston. The selectmen have looked over the entire waterfront. The engineer from the Waterway Commission, since the sea wall has been undermined, has also looked over the property that belongs to the town and the Selectmen are of the same opinion as your board of park commissioners. relative to the sea wall.

Appropriated,	$1,200 00
Expended,	1,188 11

Less than appropriation, $11.89

CHAS. S. BAKER,
JOHN A. DAVIS,
Park Commissioners.

Report of the Trustees of the Falmouth Free Public Library

The trustees of the Falmouth Free Public Library beg to report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1917, as follows:

E. PIERSON BEEBE, TRUSTEE,

In Account With

The Falmouth Free Public Library,

From January 1, 1917, to December 31, 1917.

Receipts.

Balance, cash on hand, Jan. 1 ,1917,	$1,428 54	
Dividends and interest on investments,	248 00	
Old Colony Trust Co., interest on deposits,	18 95	
Town of Falmouth, appropriation 1917,	2,000 00	
Town of Falmouth, dog fund, 1917,	463 32	
Fines, etc.,	96 72	
Miss Dunn, sale of periodicals,	5 00	
		$4,260 53

Payments.

Books and periodicals,	$281 07
Librarian,	701 62

Janitor,		649 91	
Electric light wiring and fixtures,		664 71	
Fuel,		287 86	
Repairs,		250 50	
Express,		91 90	
Carbide for lighting and freight,		74 52	
Removing ashes,		3 00	
Sundries, care of lawn,		6 10	
Catalog cards,		10 00	
Water,		38 00	
Boiler insurance,		28 64	
Postage,		12 70	
Post Office box,		1 95	
Library supplies, etc.,		76 76	
Bookbinding,		102 28	
Balance, cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1918			
Old Colony Trust Co.,			
Income,	$605 33		
Expense,	281 13		
Fal. Nat'l Bank expense,	92 55		
		979 01	
			$4,260 53

Memorandum of Investments.

$5,000 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. Co., 4 per cent Gen'l Mtge bonds, due 1995.

$1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Co., 4 per cent bond, due 1936.

1 share Boston & Lowell R. R. Co. stock.

Memorandum.

Appropriation, including dog fund,	$2,463 32
Expenses,	3,281 52

E. PIERSON BEEBE, Trustee.
By Albert E. Rhodes.

FALMOUTH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Total circulation for the year		
Divided as follows:—		
Falmouth,	12,084	
North Falmouth,	832	
West Falmouth,	280	
Waquoit,	587	
Woods Hole,	386	
		14,169
Circulation by classes:		
000 General works,	478	
100 Philosophy,	68	
200 Religion,	77	
300 Sociology,	613	
400 Philology,	22	
500 Natural science,	180	
600 Useful arts,	258	
700 Fine arts,	163	
800 Literature,	428	
900 History,	560	
910 Travel,	246	
920 Biography,	224	
Fiction,	10,824	
Portuguese books,	28	
		14,169

Persons drawing books during the year 1917,	842
Books in the library Dec. 31, 1916,	11,667
Books and pamphlets added,	469
Books lost and worn out,	51
Books in the library Dec. 31, 1917,	12,085
Number of magazines in the reading room,	53
Newspapers in the reading room,	3
Persons using reading room during the year 1917,	3,459

Divided as follows:

Males under 14 years of age,	449	
Males 14 to 21 years of age,	698	
Males over 21 years of age,	444	
		1,591
Females under 14 years of age,	269	
Females 14 to 21 years of age,	828	
Females over 21 years of age,	771	
		1,868
		3,459

The moving picture shows, the knitting and war relief activities have affected the circulation, which notwithstanding these, maintains a high average.

There was raised and forwarded $118.09 for the Camp Library Fund.

A box, containing books and periodicals, was sent to the library for the men at Camp Devens.

Distribution of books has been begun in Davisville.

By favor of the State Board, books in Portuguese have been circulated in the eastern portion of the town.

Gifts of books and magazines have been received from E. Pierson Beebe, Cong. Joseph Walsh, H. D. Evans, Mrs. Angie M. Small, Mrs. Annie H. Warren, Mrs. W. B. Lambert, Elbert S. Kip, E. C. Goshorn, Charles L. Bourne, Edward B. Hamlin, Mrs. Edith C. Baker, Jacob Mikaelian, T. A. Keck.

The Summer Club again made its generous gift of books, which by the Club's request, were forwarded to Camp Devens. To all these the library returns its thanks.

The Memorial Library has until now been the only public building of importance in town not electrically lighted. The trustees have, the past autumn, had installed an electric lighting system which is in keeping with the building, and represents the

best practice in electric lighting. The cost of this work complete will be $896.20.

Extensive repairs to the heating plant to meet the requirements of the laws of the Commonwealth have been necessary. These have been completed and the boiler insured for five years, at a total expense of $107.64. The exterior woodwork of the library has also been put in excellent repair, and new window shades installed at a cost of $69.84. All this has been in line with the aim and purpose of the trustees to keep the building in such repair that it shall be, as was intended, a fitting memorial of the soldiers and sailors of the Civil War.

The work in each and every case has been done under competitive bids, whenever it was feasible.

These large expenses not contemplated by the annual appropriation for the library, the trustees, rather than ask for increased appropriation, have paid from current funds. Sundry bills for running expenses which would naturally come in 1917 bills and passed the auditors at the closing session of the year, have not been paid. These unpaid bills so far as received and audited, amount to $340.02, and are covered by funds in the hands of the treasurer in Boston. It will be necessary, however, to anticipate the town's appropriation for 1918 for the payment of the January and February, 1918, bills.

Some comment having been made from time to time as to the form in which the library accounts have been kept, the trustees deem it proper to say:—

By the conditions of her will Esther E. Beebe left the sum of $3,000 to her son, E. Pierson Beebe, in trust for a free public library and appointed him trustee of this fund for life with full discretionary power.

These conditions the town of Falmouth by vote accepted.

In the exercise of this discretionary power, Mr. Beebe permitted the income from the fund to accumulate and from time to time has invested and added it to the permanent fund. He has made full reports to the town of his doings as such trustee each year under the head of Capital Account. Over the principal of

this account the trustees elected by the town have no jurisdiction and over the income only at the discretion of the trustee. Mr. Beebe has in this matter acted quite within his rights; indeed the provisions of his mother's will necessitated a separate accounting of this fund.

The Expense Account each year covers the town appropriation and the dog fund. This expense account constitutes the only fund over which the trustees have or can have jurisdiction under present conditions. Full reports of the expenditure of these moneys have been made, each year, to the town.

The library trustees act under the statutes of the Commonwealth and not under local regulations. As these local regulations do not, in important matters, appear to conform to the statutes under which the trustees act, and in view of the conditions mentioned above, the trustees think it inexpedient, even if it were possible, to attempt at present to regulate the library accounts by the local regulations in force in town, though such unification is ultimately desirable.

HENRY HERBERT SMYTHE,
SEBA A. HOLTON,
Acting Trustees.

Report of the Tree Warden

The eighteenth annual report of the Tree Warden, including work on the Gypsy and Brown-tail Moths, for the year ending December 31, 1917, is herewith submitted.

Trees.

The young trees all over the town have made an excellent growth. Have added 149 new trees in the several villages.

Tent Caterpillars.

Very few tent caterpillars appeared this year. Prospects are good for even less next spring as the egg-clusters are hard to find.

Gypsy and Brown-Tail Moths.

The number of brown-tail moth nests found show they are gradually decreasing.

The gypsy moths are plentiful. It was very noticeable that the feeding of the moth was much lighter on the roadsides where the thinning was done last year. We had a favorable spraying season. There has been a number more miles of roadside thinning done this year.

We are going to discontinue much of the creosoting, except orchards and ornamental trees, and devote the time and money to continue roadside thinning and do careful spraying during the feeding season.

I am very much pleased to be able to state that many of the

large land owners have co-operated with me in the moth work, and it has been a great help to the town.

Herein find report of Walter F. Holmes, State Superintendent for Suppression of Moths, Div. No. 4.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. ELDREDGE, JR.,
Tree Warden and Local Moth Supt.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Office of the State Forester, State House, Boston.

Superintendent of Moth Suppression,
Falmouth, Mass.

My Dear Mr. Eldredge:

In making my annual report to the State Forester, from this district for the present year, it is fitting that recognition be given the town for its most excellent co-operative spirit and efficiency.

I have selected your town and department, to illustrate throughout this section, that future results are to be obtained only through an efficiently organized department, supported by a progressive town's interest.

My urgent recommendation to you is, that extensive spraying must take the place of present hand methods, that more attention be given forest thinning, and that shaded roadsides must be preserved as an economic feature.

This matter, with your good judgment, I would have placed before your townspeople and officials.

Very truly yours,

WALTER F. HOLMES,
State Supt for Suppression of Moths, Div. No. 4.

TREES.

Paid for labor and trees, ———— $497 50

TENT CATERPILLARS.

Paid for labor,		$42 16

BROWN-TAIL MOTHS.

Paid for labor,		$100 75

GYPSY MOTHS.

Paid for labor and materials,		$5,325 65
		$5,966 06

SUMMARY.

Expended Gypsy Moth work,	$5,325 65	
Brown-tail Moths,	100 75	
Trees and labor,	497 50	
Tent Caterpillars,	42 16	
		$5,966 06

Appropriation, $6,500.00
Less than appropriation, $533.94
Credits, $125.25

WILLIAM W. ELDREDGE, JR.,
Tree Warden and Local Moth Supt.

Report of the Town Clerk

DOGS LICENSED FROM DEC. 1, 1916, TO DEC. 1, 1917.

Total number licensed 241, viz:		
211 male dogs @ $2.00,	$422 00	
30 female dogs @ $5.00,	150 00	
		$572 00
Deduct Clerk's fees @ .20'		48 20
Paid County Treasurer,		$523 80

WILLIAM H. HEWINS,
Town Clerk.

Report of the Town Treasurer

LAWRENCE FUND.

Investments.

14 shares 4th Atlantic Bank, par,	$1,400 00
25 shares Falmouth National Bank, par,	2,500 00
5 $1,000 Falmouth Water Bonds,	5,000 00
New Bedford Institution for Savings,	283 50
New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank,	232 76
Liberty Bonds,	5,000 00
	$14,416 26

Interest Received.

Falmouth National Bank,	$ 87 50	
Atlantic Bank,	28 00	
Falmouth National Bank,	37 50	
Atlantic Bank,	28 00	
Falmouth National Bank,	28 00	
Falmouth National Bank,	37 50	
Falmouth National Bank,	37 50	
Atlantic Bank,	28 00	
New Bedford Intstitution for Savings,	92 24	
New Bedford Five Cent Savings Bank,	130 58	
Water Bonds,	175 00	
		$708 82

CEMETERY FUND.

Investments.

8 $1,000 Falmouth Water Bonds, 3½ per cent.,	$8,015 00
Deposit N. B. Institution for Savings, 4 per cent.,	4,644 50
Deposit N. B. Five Cent Savings Bank, 4 per cent,.	2,850 00
Liberty Bonds, 4 per cent.,	5,750 00
	$21,259 50

Interest Received.

New Bedford Institution for Savings,	$356 28	
New Bedford Five Cent Savings Bank,	86 06	
Water Bonds,	280 00	
Liberty Bonds,	000 00	
		$722 34

WILLIAM H. HEWINS,
Town Treasurer.

Dr.

To Approving notes,	$	24 00
Armory and drill ground,		747 86
(To be reimbursed by the State)		
Auto hire, selectmen,		83 00
Auto hire, for officers,		84 50
Auditors,		407 00
Board for prisoners,		20 88
Falmouth Brass Band,		500 00
Appropriation, $500.00		
Bathing Casino,		268 85
Borrowed money,		100,000 00
Bonds for Water Commissioner and Treasurer,		190 00
County tax,		19,780 20
Cemetery deposit,		1,575 00
Claims and suits,		127 40
Constable service,		322 45
Court charges,		494 63
Cemeteries, care of,		203 59
Cemeteries, perpetual care of,		812 75
Deacon's Pond harbor note,		10,000 00
Dumping grounds,		294 27
Drains,		25 00
Birth and death returns,		35 25
Eel Pond channel note,		2,500 00
Election officers, meals for,		83 20
Election officers,		380 00
Fire department,		1,724 35
Finance Committee,		9 60
Appropriation, 1916, $100.00		
Less than appropriation, $91.40		
Finance Committee,		10 50
Appropriation, 1917, $200.00		
Less than appropriation, $189.50		
Fence Viewers,		4 00
Forest fires,		131 00
Health department,		2,782 99

Highways,	44,584 43
Hydrant rental,	6,990 00
Herring rivers,	678 15
Harbor Master,	75 48
(Travel and expense)	
Home economics,	184 41
Appropriation, $300.00	
Insurance,	749 98
Insurance for workmen,	594 55
Appropriation, $500.00	
Exceeds appropriation, $94.55	
Interest,	2,760 19
Less than appropriation, $115.59	
Inland fisheries,	3 00
Appropriation, $100.00	
Less than appropriation, $97.00	
Intemperance and gambling,	43 94
Appropriation, $500.00	
Less than appropriation, $456.06	
Inspection of dead animals,	627 00
Inspection of live animals,	259 00
New jail,	338 80
Appropriation, $400.00	
Less than appropriation, $61.20	
Janitor,	767 25
Libraries,	2,913 32
Legal advice,	145 00
Lockup, keeper of,	26 50
Land damage,	150 00
Appropriation, $200.00	
Less than appropriation, $50.00	
Memorial Day,	200 00
Appropriation, $200.00	
Miscellaneous,	741 08
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.,	3 13
(Care of bells)	
Public buildings,	1,975 88
Parks,	1,188 11
Poor,	9,540 82

Parks, Good Will park,		401 27
Appropriation, $400.00		
Exceeds appropriation, $1.27		
Printing and stationery,		1,422 62
Appropriation, $1,500.00		
Less than appropriation, $77.38		
Regulating autos,	$ 61 11	
Traffic officers,	1,232 00	1,293 11
Appropriation, $1,300.00		
Less than appropriation, .89		
Rebate on taxes,		208 26
Registrars,		353 50
Schools,		45,607 87
Salaries,		8,836 73
Street lights,		10,019 58
School buildings,		3,498 73
State aid,		602 00
Sealer's travel,		100 00
Sealer's supplies,		50 63
Special police,		136 00
Soldiers' relief,		289 00
Selectmen, for bounties and expenses,		150 00
Surveying roads and setting bounds, (Signs and boards)		368 85
State Guards,		4,992 38
Appropriation, $5,000.00		
Less than appropriation, $7.62		
Stenographer,		498 00
Appropriation, $500.00		
Less than appropriation, $2.00		
Town hall note,		2,500 00
Transportation, (Schools),		7,291 00
Tree Warden,		5,966 06
Travel and expense,		15 56
Tellers,		41 00
Town Clock, care of,		31 25
Town landings,		11 40

Town hall and offices,	$1,078 57	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.,	100 49	
B. B. Electric Co.,	94 50	1,273 56
Wells,		22 05
Waquoit channel,		2,000 00
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1917,		15,884 53
		$333,027 23

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By balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917,	$ 8,417 17
State tax, balance,	90,469 18
Acct. Sinking fund,	11,520 45
Poor department,	999 47
Schools,	45 66
Interest received,	722 34
Interest Lawrence fund,	709 82
Perpetual care deposit,	1,575 00
Borrowed money,	100,000 00
Miscellaneous account,	3,395 02
Rents,	552 20
Tax receipts,	107,294 88
District Court,	423 32
Highways,	606 97
Tree Warden,	100 25
Licenses,	195 50
	$333,027 23

Financial Statement

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury Dec. 31, 1917,	$ 15,884 53	
State aid,	602 00	
Water plant:		
Cost of plant to date,	369,223 88	
Stock on hand,	2,570 69	
Cash on hand,	18,160 69	
Cash in renewal fund,	606 60	
		$407,048 39
Hydrant rental for 1918,		$7,230 00

ITEMIZED PROPERTY.

The town owns property as follows:—

Library and lot,	$40,000 00
Lawrence academy and lot,	2,000 00
School houses and lots,	78,500 00
Town hall, lockup and lot,	30,000 00
Almshouse and lot,	7,000 00
Horse roller and sprinkler,	600 00
Chemical engine and ladder truck,	500 00
Fire apparatus,	2,250 00
Hose house, Woods Hole, and lot,	4,000 00
North Falmouth,	1,000 00

Quissett,	700 00
Teaticket,	1,000 00
Village, No. 2,	2,000 00
West Falmouth,	1,200 00
East Falmouth,	800 00
Falmouth Heights,	1,000 00
Land, Main street,	2,000 00
Various parcels of land,	1,200 00
Road implements,	500 00
Land, Highland Trust Co.,	3,500 00
Tool house,	1,000 00
Casino property,	5,000 00
Bridge operator's house, Woods Hole drawbridge,	175 00
Steam roller,	3,200 00
Crusher, plant and boiler,	1,600 00
	$190,725 00

Recapitulation Table

	Appro.	Expended	Estimates
Board of Health,	$ 4,500 00	$ 2,782 99	$ 4,500 00
Bonds,	6,000 00	5,000 00	7,000 00
Band concerts,	500 00	500 00	
Finance Committee, 1916,	100 00	9 60	
Finance Committee,	200 00	10 50	200 00
Fire truck,	1,500 00		
Fire department,	2,000 00	1,724 35	2,000 00
Good Will park,	400 00	401 27	
Hydrant rental,	6,990 00	6,990 00	7,230 00
Home economics,	300 00	184 41	

	Appro.	Expended	Estimates
Highways, (by vote of meeting to be raised by tax levy, 1917),	40,699 86		
By notes or bonds,	6,000 00	44,584 43	28,814 13
Intemperance and gambling,	500 00	43 94	200 00
Interest,	3,000 00	2,760 19	3,000 00
Insurance on town buildings,		749 98	1,000 00
Insurance for workmen,	500 00	594 55	700 00
Inland fisheries,	100 00	3 00	
New jail,	400 00	338 80	
Land damage,	200 00	150 00	
Memorial day,	200 00	200 00	200 00
Miscellaneous,	10,200 00	8,210 35	10,000 00
Poor department,	7,000 00	9,540 82	9,000 00
Public library, Dog fund and	2,000 00	2,463 32	2,000 00
Printing and stationery,	1,500 00	1,422 62	1,500 00
Parks,	1,200 00	1,188 11	1,000 00
Repairs of public buildings,	2,500 00	1,975 88	3,000 00
Regulating autos and traffic officers,	1,3,00 00	1,293 11	1,300 00
School department, regular and special,	54,150 00	56,397 60	51,050 00
State Guard,	5,000 00	4,992 38	
Salaries,	10,250 00	8,836 73	10,000 00
Street lights,	10,050 00	10,019 58	
Soldiers' relief,	400 00	289 00	400 00
Settling claims and suits,	500 00	127 40	150 00
Stenographer,	500 00	498 00	850 00
Tree Warden,	6,500 00	5,966 06	6,000 00
West Falmouth library,	200 00	200 00	200 00
Woods Hole library,	250 00	250 00	250 00
Wells,	75 00	22 05	50 00
Waquoit Bay,	2,000 00	2,000 00	

Jury List of Falmouth, June 30, 1917

Baker, Ensign E.,	West Falmouth,	Boatman
Baker, Freeman E.,	East Falmouth,	Fish Dealer
Bourne, Alvin F.,	West Falmouth,	Carpenter
Bowman, Edward H.,	West Falmouth,	Farmer
Burdick, Theodore F.,	West Falmouth,	Farmer
Burgess, Sumner C.,	Village,	Electrician
Cahoon, Samuel T.,	Woods Hole,	Merchant
Cahoon, Frederick A.,	East Falmouth,	Merchant
Chadwick, George W.,	Quissett,	Laborer
Chamberlain, Charles F.,	Woods Hole,	Clerk
Childs, Byron P.,	Village,	Painter
Daniels, Harry A.,	Woods Hole,	Butcher
Davis, Arthur C.,	East Falmouth,	Painter
Davis, Edward P.,	Village,	Laborer
Davis, William C.,	Village,	Merchant
Donnelly, Charles E.,	Village,	Nurse
Eaton, Benjamin F.,	Woods Hole,	Merchant
Fish, Ansel C.,	Teaticket,	Carpenter
Gamans, Manton L.,	East Falmouth,	Carpenter
Hall, Hiram F.,	North Falmouth,	Carpenter
Head, John H.,	North Falmouth,	Clerk
Howes, Levi A.,	Woods Hole,	Retired
Jones, Horace E.,	Teaticket,	Laborer
Kingman, Henry M.,	West Falmouth,	Retired
Landers, Irving W.,	West Falmouth,	Painter
Lawrence, Le Roy F.,	Village,	Insurance
Lawrence, Sidney W.,	Woods Hole,	Merchant
Lumbert, Edward E.,	Village,	Painter
Miller, Charles F.,	North Falmouth,	Retired
Nickerson, J. Edward,	Village,	Clerk
Nye, Herbert F.,	North Falmouth,	Retired
Pease, Percival J.,	Teaticket,	Clerk
Randall, John F.,	Falmouth Heights,	Carpenter
Robinson, John,	East Falmouth,	Farmer

Scannell, Harry W. F.,	Village,	Carpenter
Shiverick, Lawrence F.,	Village,	Carpenter
Studley, Edgar S.,	Waquoit,	Painter
Swift, Edward E.,	Woods Hole,	Carpenter
Swift, Frederick K.,	East Falmouth,	Clerk
Teele, George E. ,	North Falmouth,	Retired
Turner, George H.,	Village,	Retired

Auditors' Report for 1917

The auditors chosen at the last annual town meeting respectfully submit the following report:—

The auditors, being duly sworn, met on February 19, 1917, and organized by the election of George N. Tobey as chairman and Eugene P. Hatch as clerk.

The auditors have examined the books and accounts of the various town officials and find them to be correct.

The auditors have seen the cancelled town notes and bonds redeemed during the year, checked over the securities held by the town, trustees of Lawrence High school, and cemetery fund, except the public library.

Because of inaccuracies and lack of data, the auditors have been compelled to return bills to nearly every department and in all cases have found the department officials ready to make necessary concessions.

The auditors desire to thank the town officials and public for the courtesy and co-operation shown them in the performance of their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE N. TOBEY,
ALVIN F. BOURNE,
EUGENE P. HATCH,
Auditors of Falmouth.

Births Recorded in Falmouth, 1917

		Name	Parents
Jan.	1.	Gilbert Robella,	Manuel and Joanna Amaral.
"	3.	George Albert Kahler, Jr.,	George A. and Emma Whiles.
"	9.	Jennie Perry,	Irving and Julia Roderick.
"	9.	Antone S. Armado,	Henry and Amnira Arush.
"	11.	Sophia Tavares,	Manuel and Mary Julio.
"	14.	Lillian Alden Parker,	John W. and Mary E. O'Neal.
"	25.	———— Kelley,	Michael J. and Katherine Griffin,
"	25.	Beatrice Amaral,	Manuel and Mary Ferreira.
"	28.	Alice Gertrude O'Day,	Stephen and Alice Coltis.
Feb.	4.	Harold Soares,	Manuel R. and Lena Prado.
"	16.	Eleanor Soza,	Lewis B. and Mary A. Hafney.
"	18.	Roehe Roderique,	Nicholas and Rosena Gonsalves.
"	22.	George Russell Hart,	Harold H. and Mary McDonald.
"	23.	William Henry Hauston,	William H. and Julia G. Powers.
"	25.	Olive Miriam Peck,	Sidney F. and Maud E. Whitney.
"	25.	Alice C. Gifford,	William A. and Ella Wilson.
"	26.	———— Robessa,	Louis and Elmmia Custo.
Mar.	1.	John Rapoza,	John and ————
"	3.	———— Moniz,	Manuel and Mary Luderes.
"	4.	Ethel Gardner ,	Charles A. and Edna Douglas.
"	5.	Gilbert Oliver,	Antone and ————
"	7.	Mary Motte,	John and Sarah Almeda.
"	11.	Frank Loueska,	Manuel and Ida Inos.
"	22.	Margaret Winifred McGrath,	James and Annie Broderick.
"	30.	Donald Thompson,	Edward J. and Barbara Farnsworth.
"	30.	Rose Marcellina,	Moses and Sernornia Lopes.
Apr.	2.	Harold Hamblin Robinson,	Lewis T. and Ada Hamblin.
"	4.	Beatrice Couto,	Antone B. and Mary Julio.
"	5.	———— Miranda,	Sam and Julia Gonsalves.
"	7.	———— Jowett,	Walter G. and Flora M. Silva.
"	7.	Joe Jacome Jaeque,	Manuel and Clara Leite.
"	7.	Richard Wainwright Veeder,	Louis W. and Pauline F. Hodgdon.
"	12.	Domingo Monterio,	Joseph and Carolina Dears.
"	14.	Louise Ferreira,	Thomas and Frances Doyle.
"	23.	Maria Rose,	Fred and Marie Canot.
"	24.	———— Lopes,	James and Mary Augusta.
"	25.	———— Kelley,	Joseph and Elizabeth Likely.
"	30.	———— Pina,	Cando and Lena Rosa.

		Name	Parents
May	4.	———— Folger,	Viola B. Folger.
"	13.	Domingo Santos,	Philip and Mary Miranda.
"	22.	David Francis Dillon, Jr.,	David F. and Janet Wright.
"	24.	Marguerite W. Willardson,	Laurits and Karen Beck.
"	28.	Kathryn Eleanor Scannell,	Henry W. and Ella F. Studley.
June	5.	John Veira,	Manuel and Liza Leite.
"	13.	Margie Lopes,	Manuel and Rose G. Barrows.
"	21.	———— Linnane,	James F. and Mary J. Nugent.
"	27.	Leontine Tavares,	Leuanda and Virginia Nidale.
"	28.	William K. Scammell, Jr.,	William K. and Mary Meaves.
July	3.	———— Augusta,	Joseph and Flyba Fexeira.
"	7.	———— Roderick,	Juluis and Julia Barbosa.
"	8.	Oliver Francis Swain,	Albert and Susie Jones.
"	8.	———— Pachico,	Augustin and Mary Madeiros.
"	15.	Winifred Wilson,	Donald R. and Margarite Thaxter.
"	22.	Mary E. Moniz,	Eugene and Adelaide Farias.
Aug.	22.	Emanuel Antoney Roberts,	Manuel and Cora Sousa.
"	22.	Victor Clarence Clark,	Frank H. and Maud Kelley.
"	27.	———— Cobral,	Joseph P. and Mary Perry.
"	30.	Arthur Azvedo,	Fred and Annie Diaz.
"	31.	John L. Silvia, Jr.,	John L. and Rosa Augusta.
Sept.	4.	Joseph Costa,	Jesse and Emily Mello.
"	6.	John Joseph Cavanaugh,	Bernard P. and Katherine O'Neal.
"	7.	Mary Frances Handy,	Harry H. and Della McGrath.
"	11.	Hazelle Wuanita Haynes,	John and Harriette G. Whiting.
"	13.	Sue Georgina West,	Francis and Araminta Sternes.
"	15.	Antonia Farias,	Joe and Antonio Farras.
"	18.	Daniel Thomas McLane,	Benjamin and Mary F. O'Connell.
"	17.	Robert E. Cardoza (twin),	Ernest and Elsie Louise Landers.
"	17.	Richard E. Cardoza, "	Ernest and Elsie Louise Landers.
"	20.	Eugenia Fernandes,	Frank G. and Lena B. Silva.
"	20.	George Gonsalves,	Joseph and Antonia Antone.
"	21.	Josephine Gonsalves Lopes,	Barlow and Marie Gonsalves.
"	23.	———— Armarel,	Joseph and Maria Gloria Madeiros.
"	24.	Helen Sinclair Fish,	Clarence and Ethel Wright.
"	24.	———— Vallis,	John W. and Beatrice Haskill.
Oct.	5.	Elvin Thomas Davis,	Ephraim and Mary J. Silva.
"	7.	Charles Walter Kelley,	George A. and Mary L. Bassett.
"	15.	———— Lima,	Aristides and Laurentina Pereira.
"	23.	Elizabeth S. Ferreira,	Joseph and Annie Pina.
"	25.	Anne Leatherbee,	Frederick K. and Dorothy Howland.
"	26.	———— Enos,	Jesse and Agnes E. Davis.
"	28.	Joaquin M. Mandonsa Marshall,	Antone and Mary Perry.
"	31.	Clifford Sherman Kent,	Albert and Elsie M. Bowman.
Nov.	10.	Roger Lee Savery,	Hoyt and Elsie Rohmeling.
"	21.	———— Mello,	Antone and Marie Gomes.
"	24.	———— Mello,	John and Lena Brown.
"	25.	Benjamin Colby Tobey,	William A. and Lottie M. Colby.
Dec.	3.	Mary Lillian Wagner,	Carl F. and Lillian Train.
"	17.	———— Feiro,	James and Carlota Olivaer.

Marriages Recorded in Falmouth, 1917

Jan. 8. Thomas Ferreira and Frances M. Doyle, both of Falmouth.

Jan. 13. George E. Studley of Falmouth, and Ethel Gertrude Thompson of Gloucester.

Jan. 18. Joseph Lyon Searfoss, Jr., of East Boston, and Marjorie Elizabeth Connors of North Falmouth.

Feb. 1. Horace W. Harlow and Florence Robbins, both of Falmouth.

Feb. 15. Lewis K. Robinson of S. W. Harbor, Maine, and Elizabeth B. Brodhead of Woods Hole.

Feb. 17. Hoyt Lee Savery and Elsie Rohmeling, both of Woods Hole.

Feb. 18. John P. Cardara and Mary Joseph Cabral, both of Falmouth.

Feb. 19. John Francis DeMello of Falmouth, and Lena M. Bettincourt of Waquoit.

Feb. 19. James A. Harris, Jr., of East Boston, and Annie M. Ignos of Falmouth.

Mar. 4. Anthony F. Ferreira of Falmouth, and Effie F. Harding of Wellfleet.

Apr. 18. Edward Hall and Miriam C. Howland, both of Falmouth.

May 14. Manuel Sylvia and Mary Cardoza, both of Falmouth.

May 21. John J. Couillard and Mary Joseph, both of Falmouth.

May 26. Boylston Adams Tompkins of New Jersey City, and Eleanor Louise Marshall of Falmouth.

June 6. Charles M. Lawrence and Marion C. Holden, both of Falmouth.

June 17. Ernest Crocker of Barnstable, and Helene Jones of Falmouth.

June 18. Jesse F. Carpenter of Florida, and Alice Hubbard of Woods Hole.

July 3. Henry Barrows and Mary L. Souza, both of New Bedford, Mass.

July 19. David T. Campbell and Alice H. Binns, both of Boston.

July 19. Walter O. Luscombe, Jr., and Louise W. Turner, both of Woods Hole.

Aug. 6. William H. Hewins, Jr., of Boston, and Mary M. B. Cable of Roxbury, Mass.

Aug. 14. Eugene O. Jeangaquet and Mattie Ash, both of Falmouth.

Aug. 14. LeRoy Paschall and Irma Hight, both of Falmouth.

Aug. 22. Lorenzo Simmons Winslow and Albinia Daggett Fish, both of Falmouth.

Aug. 22. Henry Howard Fay, Jr., of Boston, and Sarah A. Bimm of Dayton, Ohio.

Aug. 27. Manuel Gomes and Florence Winfield, both of Falmouth.

Aug. 28. Murat H. Booker and Frances A. Spencer, both of Falmouth.

Aug. 29. Arthur E. Watkins of Brockton, Mass., and Jennie B. Adams of Falmouth.

Sept. 7. John P. Harlow of Falmouth, and Agnes A. MacFarlane of Woods Hole.

Sept. 30 Ralph E Handy of Bourne, and Annie C. Hart of Falmouth.

Sept. 15. Stanley N. Eldridge and Winifred M. Fay, both of Woods Hole.

Sept. 19. Clarence A. Parker and Janet L. B. Howitt, both of Falmouth.

Oct. 2. Anthony Lower, Jr., and Sarah A. Loftus, both of Falmouth.

Oct. 2. Lewis Peter Andrews and Gertrude Olivera, both of East Falmouth.

Nov. 3. Samuel Thomas Cahoon and Elsie Frances Gardner, both of Woods Hole.

Nov. 10. Lewis R. Studley of Woods Hole, and Annie Taber Bowman of West Falmouth.

Dec. 1. Antone Souza and Adaline Garcia De Rosa, both of Falmouth.

Dec. 1. Robert Ellwood Folger of Falmouth, and Lila M. Margaret Tangney of Woods Hole.

Dec. 5. Willard Pyle Tomlinson, and Cornelia Jessie Turner, both of Woods Hole.

Dec. 11. Oscar H. Lefevre of Jamaica Plain, and Nellie J. Grew of Falmouth.

Dec. 20. Alva A. Carl and Alice M. Robbins, both of Falmouth.

Dec. 25. Lewis S. Peterson and Emily E. Palmer, both of Falmouth.

Deaths Recorded in Falmouth, 1917

		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
Jan. 1.	Melissa Doty,	83	1	19
Jan. 6.	Helen Adel Nye,	95	10	3
Jan. 12.	James Taylor Walker,	66	8	17
Jan. 17.	Sylvina H. Gifford,	49	5	5
Jan. 27.	Joseph B. Brown,	46	3	12
Jan. 26.	Eugene L. Davis,	54	7	9
Feb. 2.	Albert Fearing Crowell,	80	4	15
Feb. 4.	William H. Rogers,	—	3	20
Feb. 10.	William W. Eldredge, Sr.,	78	5	22
Feb. 15.	Susie M. S. Jones,	54	1	26
Feb. 19.	Moses Hatch Bowman,	80	5	23
Feb. 23.	William B. Bosworth,	70	—	—
Mar. 26.	Anna Pierce Cable,	55	—	4
Mar. 27.	Dominga Bento,	25	—	—
Mar. 29.	Susan C. Dimmick,	90	8	1
Mar. 30.	Bethia H. Crowell,	82	4	29
Apr. 3.	Augustus Pina,	22	7	29
Apr. 4.	George Albert Kahler,	40	10	10
Apr. 7.	——— Jowett,	—	—	—
Apr. 20.	Joseph F. Sylvia,	81	3	25
Apr. 23.	Rose Souza Pine,	75	—	—
Apr. 23.	Ephraim Cutter,	84	8	—
May 6.	Anna B. Hathaway,	45	—	12
May 11.	(Infant) Folger,	—	—	7
May 13.	Annie H. Groves,	85	1	—
May 22.	Ellen F. Havens,	77	2	13

		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
May 29.	Annette Frances Childs,	49	11	29
May 12.	——— Wells,	—	—	1
May 18.	Matilda Correy,	27	—	—
June 11.	Alvin Ewer Nye,	74	6	20
June 19.	Freeman Hallett,	88	7	18
June 22.	Thomas B. Landers,	65	8	—
July 20.	Edith Waller,	36	3	14
July 15.	Edward Barboza,	2	8	2
July 8.	Mary Glory Pacheco,	38	—	—
June 1.	Deborah S. Coleman,	67	—	—
July 12.	Mary M. Driggs,	52	—	—
July 17.	Grace G. Baker,	32	—	10
July 19.	John L. Edmands,	63	—	—
Aug. 10.	Manuel H. Rose,	53	—	—
Aug. 21.	Charles Benson,	66	5	30
Aug. 25.	Lucy Foster Stetson,	88	9	13
Aug. 25.	Sarah A. Bowman,	81	6	27
Sept. 10.	Marie Elizabeth Fass,	46	11	—
Sept. 11.	Dorette A. Kingsbury,	78	10	—
Sept. 11.	Bernard H. Pells,	18	9	15
Sept. 13.	Susan M. Hitch,	86	5	29
Sept. 17.	Frank K. Bonney,	74	11	15
Sept. 18.	Eliza Stubbs,	83	10	27
Sept.	(Infant) Vallis,	—	—	—
Sept. 30.	John Rapose,	—	6	30
Oct. 2.	Hannah Gifford,	65	—	—
Oct. 31.	Elizabeth Agnes Enos,	—	—	7
Oct. 25.	William H. Lynch,	60	—	—
Oct. 26.	John G. Wright,	77	—	—
Nov. 7.	Abby Ann Bowman,	84	6	14
Nov. 16.	Ferdinand Baker,	59	7	1
Nov. 29.	Carleton H. Fisher,	15	11	18
Dec. 2.	Frances L. Weeks,	68	3	21
Dec. 4.	William F. Hawley,	68	1	20
Dec. 8.	Hannah Driscoll,	80	—	—
Dec. 12.	Joseph Sylvia,	1	2	5
Dec. 15.	Mary Ella Lewis,	65	—	—

		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
Dec. 15.	Jerome Pacheco,	—	5	6
Dec. 20.	Joseph Mello,	—	1	8
Dec. 26.	Andrew J. Lovell,	81	10	11
Dec. 27.	Amiela Olshewska,	5	7	28

DIED ELSEWHERE AND BURIED IN FALMOUTH.

		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
Jan. 20.	Margaret E. Hedden,	81	5	19
Feb. 7.	Mary E. Thompson,	85	6	30
Apr. 25.	Lydia J. Odiorne,	80	5	27
May 18.	Sumner L. Mayhew,	80	—	—
June 22.	Lewis F. Clarke,	51	—	—
June 1.	Deborah S. Coleman,	67	—	—
Aug. 13.	George R. Washburn,	58	—	—
Nov. 26.	William Sherman,	75	—	—
Nov. 19.	Mabel Wister Nash,	46	9	19
Dec. 1.	Evelyn C. Beckerman,	34	11	23

By-Laws

Section 1. At every town meeting the meeting shall elect subsequent to the election of town officers, fifteen voters of the town who shall be known as a finance committee and who shall serve without compensation and the moderator shall at each meeting appoint a committee of five to retire and nominate fifteen voters who shall if elected by the meeting act as the finance committee.

Sect. 2. The persons so appointed shall serve until the appointment of their successors at the annual meeting next following.

Sect. 3. The finance committee shall choose one of their number as chairman, and likewise choose a clerk. Said committee may consider such questions with reference to the conduct of the town affairs as they may deem advisable, and may consult with any and all officers, boards, and committees of the town with reference to matters under their supervision; they shall consider the various articles in the warrant for any annual or special meeting, called during their tenure of office, and shall make a report of their doings and recommendations to the town.

Sect. 4. The finance committee may hold hearings, if in their judgment it be expedient, but shall expend no money unless authorized by vote of the town.

Sect. 5. Vacancies in said committee shall be filled in the same manner as in case of other committees or boards of the town.

Standing Votes of the Town of Falmouth

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. Voted that—Notice of every town meeting shall be given by posting a copy of the warrant therefor in every post-office in the town, at least seven days before the time appointed for such meeting. Such further notice of any town meeting may be given as the selectmen deem proper. In case of the adjournment of any town meeting from one day to another, the town clerk shall cause notice of the time and place of holding such adjourned meeting to be posted at the post office in town, which notice shall state the business to come before such adjourned meeting. Full notice of every special town meeting, including a copy of the articles of the warrant therefor, shall be mailed to every legal voter of the town, seven days at least before the date of such meeting. (See Rev. Laws, Chap. 11, Sec. 328.)

Sect. 2. Voted that—The annual town meeting shall be held on the first or second Tuesday after the first Wednesday in February.

Sect. 3. Voted that—Long or complicated motions, and any other motions which he shall so request, shall be presented to the moderator in writing. (See Rev. Laws, Chap. 11, Sests. 332 and 333.)

Sect. 4. Voted that—No vote involving the expenditure of any sum of money shall be reconsidered at the same meeting at which it is passed, unless public notice of the intention to move such reconsideration be given within thirty minutes of the passage of such vote. The town clerk shall note in writing the passage

of such vote and also the time when the notice of reconsideration is given.

Sect. 5. Voted that—The town clerk shall collect all rules, regulations and standing votes in force covering the Falmouth town meetings or relating to the town business, and they shall be published in the town report annually. The report shall contain the reports of all town boards, officers and committees having the control or expenditure of the town's money and a list of the appropriations for the past year and those recommended for the coming year, and copies shall be distributed before the annual meeting. (See Rev. Laws, Chap. 25, Sec. 29.)

Sect. 6. Voted that—The selectmen shall cause to be published in the local newspapers, if there be such, at least two weeks before any special town meeting, the last publication to be during the week previous to such meeting, all committee recommendations and estimates relating to the expenditures of money upon which action is to be taken.

ARTICLE II.—Selectmen.

Sect. 1. Voted that—The board of selectmen and every other board or commission of a town shall designate some person as clerk who shall enter in books all its proceedings and shall have custody of its records. On vote of the selectmen, the town clerk may act as clerk of their board. (Rev. Laws, Chap. 35, Sec. 11.)

Sect. 2. Voted that—It shall be the duty of the selectmen to investigate all orders on the treasurer passing through their hands and to satisfy themselves of their propriety and correctness before endorsing the order for their payment by the town treasurer. All such orders shall have itemized accounts attached, showing in detail the names of persons to whom payable and the purpose for which such order is drawn on the town treasurer.

Sect. 3. Voted that—No draft shall be drawn by the selectmen unless there is sufficient appropriation to pay the same, except for sums by law payable to the Commonwealth or county, for final judgment against the town and for bonds, notes and scrip of the town and interest thereon, and for money payable to the commissioners of the sinking fund.

Sect. 4. Voted that—It shall be the duty of the selectmen to purchase for the several boards or committees, except the water commissioners, all coal. The various boards and committees shall, on or before July 1 in each year (or earlier if required by the selectmen) send in writing to the board of selectmen the estimated amount of coal required for the use of their respective departments or committees for one year. The selectmen shall, prior to the 15th of July in each year, advertise for bids to furnish the required amount of coal, and shall award the contracts to the lowest responsible bidder. The contractor for coal shall give bonds in an amount satisfactory to the selectmen (said bonds to be not less than one quarter of the total contract) for the faithful performance of his contract.

Sect. 5. Voted that—The selectmen shall have a general oversight of all town affairs, whether conducted by special boards or not; and have the right to make any suggestions for the better conduct of a department, board or committee, and if such recommendations are not heeded, they shall make a record of the same in the annual town report, that the town may take such action as seems best.

Sect. 6. Voted that—The selectmen shall present to the town at its annual meeting names of suitable persons willing to serve to fill the offices of surveyors of wood, surveyors of lumber, fire wards, public weighers, fence viewers and field drivers.

Sect. 7. Voted that—The annual town report of the selectmen shall contain:—

A general statement of the town's affairs during the past year and recommendations of the selectmen for future requirements.

A report of all town meetings held during the year, including the articles of the warrants and the action of the meeting thereon.

A report of all claims which are outstanding and of all suits to which the town is a party, together with a full explanation of the circumstances and the standing of each case at the time of the report.

A report of all streets laid out or constructed during the

year, the length and width, cost of construction and amount of land damages in each instance.

A list of betterments during the year.

Reports of all special committees made at any meetings held during the year, together with any other action taken at said meetings, including committee appointments and resolutions passed.

The names of all corporations holding franchises granted by the town, and a statement as to whether the conditions of the franchises have been faithfully complied with by each corporation during the municipal year.

ARTICLE III.—Water Commissioners.

Sect. 1. Voted that—Two of the water commissioners shall give surety company bonds of $5,000 each for the faithful performance of their duties, and the treasurer of the board, $10,000.

Sect. 2. Voted that—The water commissioners, on or before the 7th day of January in each year, shall make a detailed report to the selectmen, together with their recommendations: said report to contain a list of all unpaid water rates of January 1st, in each year; the list of such to be published annually in the town report, showing the several years in which rates are due and unpaid. (See Acts of 1898, Chap. 66, Sec. 12 and 15.)

Sect. 3. Voted that—The town authorize and direct the water commissioners to make minor extensions of water mains when, in their judgment, such action would be for the interest of the town, the cost of such extensions to be paid from the funds in their hands, provided that not more than fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) be expended on such extensions in any one year, and that a satisfactory bond or agreement be obtained from the petitioners to pay a revenue of six per cent. annually for a period of five years.

Sect. 4. The water commissioners shall only make extensions to the water mains or pipes, under proper contracts for a term not less than 5 years which shall return 6 per cent. per annum on the cost of the extension, and not less than 3 per cent. on the cost of such extensions for depreciation.

ARTICLE IV.—Treasurer.

Sect. 1. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to see that all boards, committees and officers, except the water commissioners, on or before the 5th and 20th day of each month (unless otherwise fixed by statute), pay to the town treasurer all sums exceeding $10 collected by them previous to that date to the custody of which the treasurer is entitled.

Sect. 2. Voted that—The treasurer shall cancel, in the presence of the selectmen and board issuing the same, all bonds, notes, script and other evidence of indebtedness of the town which have been paid, and shall file and keep all approved and re-receipted accounts, claims, bills, pay-rolls and vouchers, cancelled bonds, notes, script, and other evidences of indebtedness of the town which have been paid, unless the performance of these duties are otherwise specified by statute. (See Rev. Laws, Chap. 25, Sec. 72.)

ARTICLE V.—Auditors.

Sect. 1. Voted that—Auditors shall be required to audit all bills and accounts of the town, meeting in April, July and October, and thereafter monthly up to the close of the financial year, finishing by January 7th, in order that the selectmen may not be hindered in the preparation of their report. (See Rev. Laws, Chap. 25, Sec. 79.)

ARTICLE VI.—Town Officers.

Sect. 1. Voted that—When the bills contracted or approved by any board, committee or officer have exhausted the entire appropriation for such board, committee or officer, such board, committee or officer shall incur no further expenditure except in the case where such expenditure may be required by statute, and it shall be the duty of each board, committee or officer, before the close of the financial year to approve all accounts, claims, bills and pay-rolls chargeable to their appropriations.

Sect. 2. Voted that—No member of the board of selectmen or any officer appointed by the legal voters of the town, author-

ized to make any contracts or agreements in behalf of the town for labor, materials, goods, wares or merchandise furnished by the town, or for a loan of money, shall, either directly or indirectly for himself or for any other person, receive any commission, discounts, bonus, present or reward from the persons making such sale, loan, contract or agreement for furnishing such goods, wares, merchandise or money. And no town officer, nor any member of a board or committee of the town in his individual capacity shall contract or have any interest in a contract with the town; except in the case of publicly advertised competitive contracts. (See Rev. Laws, Chap. 210, Sec. 8.)

Sect. 3. Voted that—At any town meeting when special committees are appointed or elected a vote shall be passed naming the compensation of the committee and also a sum of money for expenses of such committee, otherwise the selectmen shall not draw orders on the treasurer for either services or expenses.

Sect. 4. All boards, officers or persons except the water commissioners shall on the 30th day of December in each year settle their accounts and pay to the town treasurer all moneys due on their accounts, unless the 30th falls on Sunday, in which case the settlement and payment shall be made on the 29th.

Sect. 5. The auditors are authorized and empowered to consult the town counsel at any time in connection with their duties.

ARTICLE VII.

Sect. 1. The tax collector shall on the 5th and 20th of each month pay to the town treasurer all moneys to which he may be entitled and on the 30th of December in each year the collector shall pay to the town treasurer all moneys in his hands belonging to the town unless the 30th falls on Sunday in which case the payments shall be made on the 29th.

Sect. 2. Funds belonging to the town in the hands of the tax collector shall only be withdrawn from the bank on orders countersigned by at least two of the selectmen.

ARTICLE VIII.

Sect. 1. All bonds or notes issued in the future by the town for a longer period than one year shall be in serial form.

ARTICLE IX.

Sect. 1. Voted that—Vouchers for all payments made to or due the town treasurer from any board of officials of the town shall be sent to the auditors.

GENERAL.

Sect. 1. Voted that—Any person indebted to the town for poll tax or otherwise shall have such debt deducted by the treasurer before payment from any sum due him by the town for work on the roads or for any othes service performed.

Sect. 2. Voted that—The cost of all surety bonds required of any town official, members of boards or committees shall be paid by the town. (Rev. Laws, Chap. 25, Sec. 15.)

Sect. 3. Voted that—On all town work, for the performance of which competitive bids are received, the award of the contract shall be to the lowest responsible bidder; preference always being given to citizens, when other conditions of the situation are equal.

Guide Boards

The Selectmen respectfully submit the report of the places in which guide boards are erected and maintained within the town, viz:—

One near Rectory in Woods Hole.
Two near house of Sidney W. Lawrence.
Three near store of Mrs. F. P. Davis.
One near house of W. B. P. Weeks.
One near the junction of Oyster Pond and Nobska roads.
One near house of Charles Whittemore.
One near house of John E. Dwight.
Three near house of J. E. Dwight.
One at Sailors' Monument.
Two at junction of Shore street and Clinton avenue.
One near house of E. E. C. Swift.
One near house of Solomon D. Robinson.
One near house of Lucina Knowland.
One near Hotel Falmouth, Shore street.
One near house of Celia M. Shiverick, King street.
One near house of Thomas W. Hamlin, Gifford street.
One near house of Gilbert Fuller.
One near house of William G. Aurelio.
One near house of Joseph Cardoza.
Two at junction of Sandwich and Barnstable roads.
Two near house of George H. Cahoon.
Two near house of Ansel T. Davis.
Three near East Falmouth postoffice.
One near junction of Davisville and Menauhant roads.
One near house of Eli Kenyon.

Two near junction of Whites Landing and Fresh Pond roads.
One at junction of Waquoit and Fresh Pond roads.
Two near house of William P. Holmes.
One near house of W. J. Swift.
Two near house of Charles B. Fisher.
One near Moonakis River.
One near cranberry house of Brooks & Makepeace.
Three at junction of Barnstable and Ockway roads.
Two near house of Manuel Cunha.
Two near house of Frank E. Baker.
One at corner of Sun Junction and East Falmouth roads.
Three at junction of roads west of F. D. Rose's.
Three at junction of Hatchville and Barnstable roads.
Two at junction of Hatchville and Sandwich roads.
Two near house of Willis Hallett.
Two near house of Coonamessett Ranch Co.
One near house of E. B. Fish.
Two at junction of Barnstable and Waquoit roads.
One south of J. H. Crocker's house.
Four at junction of roads near Backus road.
One at junction of East End and Barnstable roads.
One at junction of East End and Waquoit roads.
Two at Jenkins hill.
One at junction of Sandwich and East and West Falmouth roads.
Three near house of Charles H. Turner.
Three near house of William W. Eldredge.
Two near East End Church.
Two at junction of Waquoit and Sandwich roads.
Two at foot of Boxberry hill.
Three on Sandwich road east of Hatchville schoolhouse.
Two at junction of Barnstable and Waquoit roads.
Two near Hatchville schoolhouse.
Three near house of George Tent.
Two at junction of East End and Hatchville roads.
Five near house of M. A. Nye.
One at junction of North Falmouth and East End roads.
Two near house of George L. Parker.
One near house of John F. Randall.

Three near the cranberry bog of W. W. Eldredge, East End.
One at junction of Palmer avenue and Morse road.
One at junction of Millfield street and School street.
One near Shallow pond.
One at Locust field.
One at junction of West Falmouth and Observatory roads.
One near house of John Head.
One near postoffice in North Falmouth.
One near house of Manuel White.
One near house of Charles A. Burke.
Two near stone blacksmith shop.
One near house of Chloe G. Bowerman.
Two near house of Wm. A. Gifford.
One near house of H. H. Lawrence.
One near junction of Morse and West Falmouth roads.
One at junction of Grand avenue and Menauhant road.
One at Davisville, junction of Davisville and Menauhant roads, west.
One near house of A. H. Lovell.
Two at North and West Falmouth.
Two near Hotel Menauhant.

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Falmouth:

The annual report of the public schools is hereby submitted.

It is necessary for us to touch briefly on one or two points not mentioned in the Superintendent's report.

It will be remembered that at the town meeting last year $500.00 was appropriated for installing an auxilliary heating plant at West Falmouth. This work has not been done because the increased cost of labor and materials has made the sum appropriated quite inadequate for doing the work as planned. We have judged it wise to postpone the work until such a time as it could be done satisfactorily rather than to take the sum appropriated to do a small part of the work immediately.

The situation at East Falmouth remains practically the same and the views of your committee regarding the consolidation of rural schools are unchanged. Last year, because of the gathering war clouds and the general financial uncertainty, we decided at the last moment simply to present our arguments as to the economy and efficiency of consolidation, in the town meeting, but not to oppose the findings of the Finance Committee. This year, because of the war and even greater financial uncertainty, we still do not press the matter. Necessary repairs have been made on the old East Falmouth building. The Pine Ridge school has been closed and the pupils moved to Waquoit. A portable schoolhouse has been erected in Teaticket, thus relieving the situation in that village.

There is an enrollment of sixty pupils in Teaticket. Until the opening of the new school these pupils with two teachers were in the one room of the older schoolhuse. Conditions were necessarily very unsatisfactory. The one room was overcrowded, suitable ventilation was difficult, confusion was unavoidable; the toilet facilities were inadequate and there was practically no play ground. The first grade and one division of the second with one of the teachers are now in the portable house, at the junction of the Sandwich and East Falmouth roads. The other

teacher remains in the old building. There is thus no extra expense for teachers, while the situation has been relieved greatly, both in the crowding of the one room schoolhouse and in the distance walked by the younger pupils, all of whom come from some distance away on some of the three roads which meet at the new building.

Let us emphasize, however, that we consider this arrangement as an expedient necessary to tide us over the present crisis and not as a part of our general policy. We believe that when conditions have become normal again the best interest of taxpayers and of school children alike will be served by closing several of the small schools in the eastern part of the town and bringing all the pupils together in one centrally located, well graded school.

May we urge everyone interested in our schools to read carefully the report of the Superintendent of Schools, and to become as familiar as possible with the problems that confront the school department. Our aim is to serve the public faithfully and to carry out the wishes of those we represent. We welcome suggestions and honest criticism.

CHARLES S. BURGESS,
FREDERICK K. SWIFT,
HIRAM F. HALL,
MARY D. CRAIG,
HENRY G. HADDON,
JAMES NICOL,
School Committee.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Members	Residence	Term Expires
Frederick K. Swift	East Falmouth	1918
Henry G. Haddon	Woods Hole	1918
Charles S. Burgess	Falmouth	1919
Hiram F. Hall	North Falmouth	1919
James Nicol	Falmouth	1920
Mary D. Craig	Teaticket	1920

The Committee holds regular meetings in the Superintendent's office in the town hall on the first Friday of each month at 8 P. M.

ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE.

Chairman, Charles S. Burgess
Secretary, Carl Holman

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Carl Holman

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Secretary, Mary Carlisle, Falmouth

Office Hours of Superintendent: Mondays, 9 to 10 A. M.; Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4 to 5 P. M., on days when the schools are in session.

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Herbert H. Lawrence Charles B. Fisher
George E. Noyes

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

T. A. Wiswall, M. D.

SCHOOL NURSE.

Miss May Evelyn Kelley.

JANITORS.

Lawrence High School,	David E. Butler
Falmouth Grammar School,	Joseph E. Barry
Davisville School,	Irving Jenkins
East Falmouth School,	Manuel Robello
Hatchville School,	George H. Fisher
Pine Ridge School,	Manuel Nunes
North Falmouth School,	Ralph Childs
Teaticket School,	Alpheus Hinckley
Waquoit School,	Mrs. Lucy Bourne
West Falmouth School,	Adelbert L. Bowman
Woods Hole School,	John Connors

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Fall term opens Tuesday, September 11, 1917.
Thanksgiving Recess, November 20–December 3.
Christmas Recess, December 22, 1917–Jan. 1. 1918.
Mid-Winter Recess, February 16–24, 1918.
Spring Recess, April 13–21.
Year closes, June 21, 1918.

Superintendent's Report

To the School Committee:—

I present for your consideration the thirty-sixth annual report of the Superintendent of Schools of the town of Falmouth. Following the suggestion that all reports be as concise and brief as possible in the interest of economy in printing, the customary reports of the Principal of the High school and the special teachers have been omitted. Such matters in these special reports as are of special interest are made the basis for discussions in this report. Statistical data used are based on reports for the school year ending June 15, 1917.

No topic in this report, or in the reports of other departments, will receive greater study and attention this year than the financial statements. We as a nation are at war. We have been already subjected to extraordinary taxation and as individuals constantly besought to make contributions for numberless enterprises for relief or philanthrophy—all sorely needed. Without question we shall be taxed even more heavily and without any doubt we shall be asked to give more and more. And we, keeping in mind the great objects fundamental to the life of a free people for which this great war is being fought, will cheerfully accept each additional responsibility and without murmuring carry new burdens.

There will be, and there should be, great efforts made to economize both in our private establishments and in our public enterprises. Economy, however, should be practiced in the sense that unnecessary and wasteful expenditures only should be curtailed. In what may well be a mad scramble to retrench in every way possible many worthy and even indispensible enterprises are

bound to suffer needlessly. Already in certain quarters elsewhere suggesions have been made affecting the public school and advising that desirable economics could be secured by cutting down the length of the school year, by lowering the salaries paid teachers, by reducing or omitting altogether certain elements of the curriculum, and numberless other ill-advised and even vicious propositions. It was in recognition of a danger of this sort, peculiarly acute in the times in which we find ourselves, that the Commissioner of Education of Massachusetts on April 17, 1917, sent to the Superintendents of Schools throughout the Commonwealth a statement of his views concerning the program of public education in relation to the war. He said: "One point I firmly believe should be impressed on the public mind; that is that no interference with the program of public education should be made except under conditions of the most absolute and final necessity. It should be borne in mind that the war itself is primarily a concern of this adult generation, and that the schools should be kept as free as possible from any unnecessary diversion from this fundamental task. Serious interruptions to that task cannot fail to burden unfairly the next generation. Any suggestions for the alteration of the work of the schools should be tested on the point as to whether or not they are **educationally** desirable." In other words if a given proposition is one that would receive serious consideration in other times as educationally desirable or undesirable let it receive the same consideration now. Every change proposed shall have back of it a reasonable foundation of sound educational policy rather than a feverish and ill considered desire to cut expenditures.

COSTS. The cost of maintaining these schools of Falmouth has increased materially during recent years. Several factors have entered into the increase in cost the most important of which I mention below.

In the first place there has been an increase in the number of pupils enrolled in the schools, an increase amounting to 20 per cent. in ten years, that has been localized in certain centers and has necessitated providing additional housing facilities in these places. In the past five years a new building has been erected at Pine Ridge, near Waquoit; an additonal room built at East

Falmouth; a portable school erected at Teaticket; the Hatchville school has been reopened; an additional room opened at Woods Hole, and two additional rooms at Falmouth. These changes have made necessary the employment of additional teachers. The introduction of new courses at the High school have added two teachers more so that now we employ thirty-three full time teachers. Five years ago the number was twenty-three. This represents an increase in a period of five years of 43.5 per cent. in the number of teachers employed and means that the principal item of the school budget—cost of instruction—would be increased necessarily in five years by 50 per cent. on the basis of salaries paid at that time.

Another item that shows substantial increase is the cost of transportation. In the year 1911–12 the town expended $3,611.76 for transportation of pupils by horse-drawn vehicles. In 1916–17 the sum of $6,823.50 was spent for transportation principally by motor vehicles. This item shows an increase of $3,211.74 in five years or an increase of over 90 per cent. This increase is due in part to the larger number of pupils that must be transported but principally to the added cost of maintaining an efficient modern system in place of an antiquated one.

Other items of the budget show increases due to reasons already stated and to the increased cost of everything that goes to the conduct of a school system. The lengthening of the elementary school year by two weeks has also contributed necessary and proportional increases in the budget.

The following table of expenditures for the school fiscal year 1911–12, 1915–16, 1916,–17 will serve as a basis for further study.

		1916–17	1915–16	1911–12
1.	School Committee,	$ 131.43	$ 81.55	$ 326.92
2.	Supt. of Schools,	2,616.20	2,377.69	1,659.35
3.	Supervisors,	1,450.00	3,318.30	
4.	Principals,	2,979.23	2,816.61	4,178.00
5.	Teachers,	20,080.90	16,163.44	10,333.00
6.	Text-books,	1,055.70	1,164.67	619.51
7.	Stationery and supplies,	1,643.70	1,338.05	772.95
8.	Janitors,	3,256.34	3,110.93	2,264.45
9.	Fuel,	2,197.84	2,143.94	1,529.41

10.	Misc. Ex. of operation,	1,093.46	1,279.49	749.42
11.	Repairs,	3,244.15	3,427.46	2,089.21
12.	Libraries,	114.21	96.44	
13.	Health,	400.68	458.30	250.00
14.	Transportation,	6,823.50	6,500.50	3,611.76
15.	Miscellaneous,	1,914.30	2,047.06	
	Total for Support,	$49,001.64	$46,324.43	$28,374.98
16.	New grounds and buildings,			7,342.32
17.	New equipment,	525.71	739.90	
	Total for Outlay,	$525.71	$739.90	$7,342.32
	Total,	$49,527.35	$47,064.33	$35,717.30

The following comparison gives the percentage costs of different items of the accounts.

		1915–16 percent.	1916–17 percent.
1.	School Committee,	.17	.26
2.	Supt.; salaries and expenses,	5.13	5.28
3.	Principals; salaries,	6.08	6.01
4.	Supervisors; salaries,	7.16	2.93
5.	Teachers; salaries,	34.89	40.54
6.	Text-books,	2.52	2.13
7.	Stationery, supplies and other expenses of instruction,	2.89	3.32
8.	Janitors' service; salaries,	6.72	6.57
9.	Fuel,	4.63	4.44
10.	Misc. expenses of operation,	2.76	2.21
11.	Repairs, replacement and upkeep,	7.40	6.55
12.	Libraries,	.21	.24
13.	Promotion of health,	.99	.81
14.	Transportation,	14.03	13.78
15.	Miscellaneous,	4.42	3.87
16.	New equipment,		1.06
		100.00	100.00

Any intelligent effort to economize should not overlook the high cost of maintaining the small one room school. These schools as I have taken frequent occasion to remark are a burden on the community, unprofitable to maintain both from the standpoint of the quality of service which it is possible for them to render and also from the standpoint of high cost. Such schools render inferior service and at the same time cost more. During the school year 1917–1918, it will cost per pupil in average membership as of December 1, 1917, in four selected schools as follows:

Falmouth Grammar—eight rooms—per pupil,	$41.70
East Falmouth—three rooms—per pupil,	30.34
Pine Ridge—one room—per pupil,	70.00
Davisville—one room—per pupil,	76.00

These figures are an eloquent argument in support of the contention that the small school is unprofitable. To make these costs appear reasonable it must be demonstrated that the schools at Pine Ridge and at Davisville are rendering a service in their respective communities that is nearly twice as valuable as the other schools render. Right here it is possible to practice economy of a proper kind. From every possible point of view it is excellent economy to close all such schools where the enrollment is very small and where transfer to nearby schools is at all feasible.

TEACHERS. There have been about the usual number of changes in the personnel of the teaching force, as the following list of resignations and appointments make clear.

Resignations:

Mary L. Crocker, I-VI, North Falmouth.
Annie A. Russell, VIII, Falmouth Grammar.
Nathalie L. Burdo, III-IV, Falmouth Grammar.
Ruth S. Sanford, III-IV, East Falmouth.
Clyde Carpenter, I-II, East Falmouth.
Margaret G. Comerford, V-VIII, West Falmouth.
Evelyn M. Strahl, IV-V, Woods Hole.
Alice D. Wales, I-III, Woods Hole.
George J. Abbott, Supervisor of Music.

*Florine M. Parker, English, High School.
*Russell P. Ryerson. Supervisor of Music.

Appointments:

Amelia F. Dalby, I-VI, North Falmouth.
Cecelia M. Eldred, I-VIII, Davisville.
Maria F. May, VIII, Falmouth Grammar.
Margaret Winn, III-IV, East Falmouth.
Doris M. Nickerson, I-VI, Hatchville.
Helen G. Peabody, V-VIII, West Falmouth.
Marjorie Bates, I-IV, West Falmouth.
Bertha F. Handy, IV-V, Woods Hole.
Margaret A. Mullen, I, Teaticket.
Minnie B. Noyes, I-VI, Hatchville.
Russell P. Ryerson, Supervisor of Music.
*Resigned since September 11, 1917.

Because of tremendous increases in living costs of every kind there has been a movement to increase the salaries of teachers that has been rather general throughout the state during the past year. The existence of this problem has been recognized and a solution sought by granting increases in the salary scale as follows:

Elementary Schools.

	Former Schedule	New Schedule
First year of service,	$456	$532
Second " "	494	570
Third " "	532	608
Fourth " "	570	646
Fifth " "	608	684
Sixth " "	646	722
Seventh " "	684	760

High School.

First year of service,	$600	$650
Second " "	650	700
Third " "	700	750
Fourth " "	750	800
Fifth " "	800	850
Sixth " "	850	900
Seventh " "	900	950

These salaries are commenserate with those now paid in the larger towns and smaller cities of the state.

EVENING SCHOOLS. Recognizing the fact that there is in town a large number of alien residents who have not had the advantage of a public school training and whose lack in this respect has proven a barrier to their acquiring citizenship in this country, the department organized and maintained during the year three evening schools: one at East Falmouth, one at West Falmouth, and one at Falmouth. The interest shown was most encouraging. At East Falmouth it was necessary to employ two teachers for a time to take care of the enrollment. The schools were continued for periods varying from eleven weeks to fifteen weeks on an average of three evenings per week.

Evening Schools.

Location	No. of Teachers	Length of School	Aver. Mem.	Aver. Atten.
Falmouth,	1	36 evenings	12	8.9
East Falmouth,	2	44 "	22	18.5
West Falmouth,	1	32 "	13	11.0
Totals,	4	112 "	47	38.4

HOME GARDENS AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION. One of the problems of education and of the economic life of the nation which the war has served to emphasize is the problem of food production. Before the organization of the state-wide campaign in the early spring

for increasing the acreage of food crops and even before the declaration of war on Germany, the school department had authrized the employment of an inspector of Home Gardens to encourage pupils of the public schools in planting gardens at home which they themselves would care for. The co-operation of the State College of Agriculture and the Cape Cod Farm Bureau was sought and secured in full measure. Through the co-operation of these agencies nearly two hundred children (199) undertook to plant and care for a garden.

In September an exhibit was held in the town hall and prizes to the amount of $124 were awarded for winners in the various club contests.

In conjunction with the Home Garden and State Club enterprises the school department obtained authorization from the town, at a special meeting in June, to establish a vocational agricultural department in the local High school. The department receives state aid to the extent of two-thirds the amount paid for salary of instructor. It was thought that a department of this kind could be most valuable and helpful in promoting increased crop production locally. I believe this department justified its establishment during the summer and also justified a recommendation that it be continued. The net cost to the town, after deducting state aid and the amount now paid to a garden inspector whose duties would be performed by the regular agricultural instructor, would be between $200 and $300 the first year

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CONCLUSION. In concluding this report I would like to emphasize two or three things.

1. How shall school costs be judged? School costs should be examined and judged on the basis of the quality of service rendered the community, rather than on the gross amount expended.

2. Are increases in cost over a period of years justified by corresponding increases in growth and service? I have attempted to show briefly that, in case of the local situation, such increases as have occurred have been justified by the normal development of the school system.

3. What should be the future outlook? I believe that our present establishment should be maintained on its present footing, carrying forward all lines of educational activity in which we are now employed. Nothing is being undertaken or has been undertaken that could by any chance be classed as an educational fad. Such changes as have been made by the introduction of new courses of study have been guided by standards of sound educational policy already tried and proven in the schools of the state and of the nation. I believe that the people of this town will wish to look with exceeding care into any plan for curtailing the service which the schools can render, and do now render, through a mistaken idea of what constitutes true economy. I believe that the troubles of this generation should be borne just as far as may be by this generation and that we shall be unwilling to deprive any child of educational opportunities through alteration of the school program except "under conditions of the most absolute and final necessity."

4. I recommend the maintenance of a state aided vocational agricultural department in the local High school.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL HOLMAN,

Superintendent of Schools.

PUPILS ENTERING LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL.

September 11, 1917.

Falmouth Grammar.

Clifton E. Baker
Gilbert H. Denham
Wendell H. Hall
Reuben Handy
Fred T. Lawrence
Helen M. Lillie
Mildred Mattson
Malcolm F. Perry
Mary E. Swift
Mary R. Conant
Lawrence G. Freeman
Stanley L. Hamlin
Warren L. Hewins
Kathryn M. Kempton
Eleanor B. Malchman
Arthur W. Lockhart
Theodore R. Robbins
Catherine A. Rogers
Marjorie H. Davis
Katherine J. Grew
Everett L. Handy
Ruth G. Howe
Hazel B. Lawrence
Hester Malley
Ruth H. McLane
Herbert F. Powers
Oliver L. Swift
Phoebe W. Swift
Robert W. West

Woods Hole.

Thelma I. Chamberlain
Ruth L. Look
Albert K. Neal
Timothy J. Driscoll
Aulden S. Lowey
Helen F. Phillips
Bertha E. Veeder
Sallie H. Grinnell
Cora L. McAfee
Henry B. Ritter

West Falmouth.

Roger R. Bowman
Elmer I. Clegg
John G. White
Helen M. Kelley

Waquoit.

Simeon W. Collins
Arthur W. Cory
Helen S. Fisher
Robert B. Santos
Joseph M. Silvia

From out of Town

Irving Thorns
Kathleen Lovell
Helen Everhart

GROWTH OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DURING THE LAST TWELVE YEARS.

Total Membership		High School	Elem. School.	Total
" "	1906	71	522	593
" "	1907	70	514	584
" "	1908	75	558	633
" "	1909	84	555	639
" "	1910	116	570	686
" "	1911	106	575	681
" "	1912	114	582	696
" "	1913	120	585	705
" "	1914	117	613	730
" "	1915	131	623	755
" "	1916	128	704	832
" "	1917	128	707	835

EYESIGHT AND HEARING TESTS.

September, 1917.

School	Number Examined.	Number defective in Sight.	Number defective in Hearing.	Number of Parents notified.
Lawrence High School,	129	20	2	22
Falmouth Grammar,	189	12	5	13
Davisville,	11	1	1	2
East Falmouth,	67	10	2	12
North Falmouth,	13	5	3	5
Hatchville,	17	3	1	1
Pine Ridge,	21	2	3	4
Teaticket,	60	15	1	9
Waquoit,	36	6	1	7
West Falmouth,	33	4	1	3
Woods Hole,	67	4	2	6
Totals,	643	82	22	84

DISTRIBUTION BY GRADES.

Based on Membership for the Year 1916–1917.

School	Kindergarten	Grade I	Grade II	Grade III	Grade IV	Grade V	Grade VI	Grade VII	Grade VIII	Grade IX	Grade X	Grade XI	Grade XII	Grade XIII	Totals
Lawrence High,										50	28	25	19	3	125
Fal. Grammar,	20	33	30	24	22	35	32	33	37						266
Davisville,		4		3	1	3	1	3	1						16
East Falmouth,		19	14	16	8	7	6	11	2						83
Hatchville,		3	4	2	2	3									14
North Falmouth,		8	3	2	2	5									20
Pine Ridge,		4	5	7	4	6									26
Teaticket,		29	13	10	6										58
Waquoit,		9	3	8	2	8	4	2	4						40
West Falmouth,		6	6	5	6	8	3	10	5						49
Woods Hole,		10	10	11	14	14	2	10	13						84
Totals,	20	125	88	88	67	89	48	69	62	50	28	25	19	3	781

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

1916–1917.

School	Grade.	Total Membership.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Percent of Attendance.
Lawrence High,	IX–XIII	128	113.5	105.5	92.9
Falmouth Grammar,	Kind.	20	14.6	11.9	81.5
" "	I	35	31.5	27.6	87.6
" "	II	36	29.6	26.6	89.8
" "	III–IV	53	47.4	44.4	93.7
" "	V	40	32.4	30.0	92.6
" "	VI	34	33.1	30.0	90.6
" "	VII	31	28.6	26.7	93.4
" "	VIII	37	34.3	32.2	93.8
Davisville,	I–VIII	18	14.1	12.8	90.8
East Falmouth,	I–II	34	31.2	28.4	91.0
" "	III–IV	25	21.8	18.8	86.2
" "	V–VIII	29	17.9	16.2	90.5
North Falmouth,	I–VI	31	29.6	27.1	91.7
Hatchville,	I–VI	18	16.0	15.7	98.1
Pine Ridge,	I–VI	27	19.5	16.6	85.1
Teaticket,	I–IV	59	50.8	44.3	87.2
Waquoit,	I–IV	22	16.9	16.0	95.2
"	V–VIII	19	18.5	17.0	92.9
West Falmouth,	I–IV	26	17.6	16.1	91.5
" "	V–VIII	26	22.8	21.7	95.1
Woods Hole,	I–III	31	23.4	21.7	92.7
" "	IV–V	28	23.8	22.0	92.4
" "	VI–VIII	28	19.9	18.7	93.9
Totals,		835	709.0	648.0	91.2

AGE—GRADE TABLE AS OF OCTOBER, 1917.

Age	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Total	N. P.	Left
Kind.	1	12	7															20		
Grade I			61	41	16	6	1											125	29	10
" II			2	30	30	11	8	6	1		2							90	8	12
" III				2	22	35	15	9	1	3			1					88	7	7
" IV					1	18	22	9	12	4		1						67	10	4
" V						10	37	22	11	5	4							89	12	7
" VI							4	16	12	8	4	3	1					48		8
" VII						1	1	12	22	19	13	1						69	6	13
" VIII									10	24	18	5	5					62	2	11
" IX									1	7	14	17	5	4	2			50	3	3
" X										1	3	11	9	4				28	1	4
" XI												5	9	5	5	1		25	2	3
" XII													3	9	7			19	0	0
" XIII															1	1	1	3		1
Totals	1	12	70	73	69	81	88	74	70	71	58	43	33	22	15	2	1	783	80	83

LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL.

GRADUATION PROGRAM.

June 15, 1917.

March—"Pride of the Navy," Schumann, School Orchestra
Invocation, Reverend Frank H. Baker
Salutatory with Essay—The Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Marion Catherine Agnes Tangney
Honor Essay—Aviation during the War, Richards Grant Vedeler
Class History, Myra Gertrude Ellis
Chorus—"Roses from the South," Strauss

Interlude from Shakespeare's
"A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Theseus—Duke of Athens, Roger Colburn Hewins
Hippolyta—Queen of the Amazons, Annie Taber Bowman

Characters in the Interlude:

Prologue, Gertrude Alice Soza
Presenter, Florence Foster
Pyramus, played by Bottom, the Weaver, Kenneth Franklin Clark
Thisbe, played by Flute, the Bellows Mender, Ruth Parmele Smythe
Wall, played by Snout, the Tinker, Franklin Maurice Carlson
Moonshine, played by Starveling, the Tailor, Gerard Kenneth Mahurin
Lion, played by Snug, the Joiner, Milton Lawson Fuller
Puck, a fairy, Mary Elizabeth Denham
Oberon, King of the Fairies, Ethel May Cahoon
Titania, Queen of the Fairies, Louise Bates Fisher
Chorus—"Triumphal March from Aida," Verdi
School Orchestra—"Impassioned Dreams," J. Rosas
Class Will, Stanley Cutting Gifford
Class Prophecy, Salome Dean Davis
Essay with Valedictory—Women and War, Myra Caswell Geggatt
Presentation of Diplomas, Carl Holman, Superintendent of Schools
Benediction, Reverend C. V. Bigler

Class Motto: "Nulla victoria sine labore."

Class Flower: Violets Class Colors: Garnet and Gold

Myra Caswell Geggatt—Valedictorian
Marion Catherine Agnes Tangney—Salutatorian
Richards Grant Vedeler—Honor Essay
Milton Lawson Fuller—President
Mary Elizabeth Denham—Vice President
Myra Caswell Geggatt—Secretary
Annie Taber Bowman—Treasurer

CLASS ROLL.

Annie Taber Bowman
Ethel May Cahoon
Salome Dean Davis
Mary Elizabeth Denham
Myra Gertrude Ellis
Louise Bates Fisher
Florence Foster
Myra Caswell Geggatt
Ruth Parmele Smythe
Gertrude Alice Soza
Marion Catherine Agnes Tangney
Warren Oakley Bowman
Franklin Maurice Carlson
Kenneth Franklin Clark
Milton Lawson Fuller
Stanley Cutting Gifford
Roger Colburn Hewins
Gerard Kenneth Mahurin
Richards Grant Vedeler

GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATES—1917.

Falmouth Grammar—Warren Hewins, Fred T. Lawrence, Lawrence G. Freeman, Louis Marshall, Arthur W. Lockhart, Theodore R. Robbins, Catherine Rogers, Stanley L. Hamlin, Mildred M. Mattson, Everett L. Handy, Malcolm F. Perry, Mary R. Conant, Eleanor B. Malchman, Hester F. Malley, Hazel Lawrence, Marjorie H. Davis, Phoebe W. Swift, Maud A. Daken, Wendell H. Hall, Herbert F. Powers, Oliver Swift, Reuben Handy, Clifton E. Baker, Gilbert H. Denham, Kathryn M. Kempton, Eugenia M. Swift, Katherine J. Grew, Helen M. Lillie, Robert W. West, Ruth G. Howe, Ruth H. McLane.

Waquoit—Helen S. Fisher, Arthur W. Cory, Simeon W. Collins, Joseph M. Silvia, Robert Santos.

West Falmouth—John G. White, Helen Kelley, Elmer I. Clegg, Roger Bowman.

Woods Hole—Cora L. McAfee, Ruth L. Look, Bertha E. Veeder, Helen F. Phillips, Sallie H. Grinnell, H. Burtis Ritter, Thelma I. Chamberlain, Aulden S. Lowey, Albert C. Neal, Timothy J. Driscoll.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Neither Absent Nor Tardy for School Year Ending June 15, 1917.

Falmouth Grammar School, Grade I—Lucina D. Ellis, Ruth Marshall, Violet Mayhew.

Grades III–IV—Martha Davis, Albert Folger, Esther Baker, Emil Nyberg.

Grade VI—Hazel H. Donahue, Richard N. Ellis.

Grade VIII—Mary R. Conant, Ruth G. Howe, Malcolm F. Perry.

Hatchville—Helen Heikila, Olga Heikila, Walter Heikila.

Teaticket—William DeMello.

Waquoit—Angelena Souza, Eleanor Phillips.

Woods Hole—Signid M. Erskine, Madeline Rohmeling.

Lawrence High School—Gerard K. Mahurin, Hildur E. Jacobson, Elizabeth O. Folger, Isabella D. MacKilligan, Kathleen D. Arenovski, Lillian S. Nicol.

LIST OF TEACHERS 1917—1918

School	Grade	Education	Began Service
Lawrence High			
George W. Howland	Principal	Harvard	October, 1908
Anna W. Gardner	Latin & Math.	Smith	January, 1892
Helen G. Allen	German & French	Boston University	September, 1910
†Florine M. Parker	English	Middlebury	September, 1914
Nina A. Davis	Commercial	Salem Normal *Comer's Business College	September, 1915
Sylvia C. S. Butterworth	History	Smith	November, 1915
Rosalind M. Jewett	Domestic Science	Colby *University of Maine	September, 1915
Lewis D. Whiting	Manual Training	Wentworth Normal *Harvard	October, 1916
Falmouth Grammar			
Henry W. Hall	Principal	Bristol Academy *Bridgewater Normal	September, 1901
Maria F. May	VIII	*Smith College *Fitchburg Normal *Hyannis Summer School	September, 1917
Grace D. W. Inman	VII	Quincy Training Class *Hyannis Normal	October, 1916
Helen V. Flagg	V–VI	Plymouth Normal	April, 1912
Frances A. Cochrane	IV	Salem Normal	October, 1916
Helen M. Lockhart	III	Bridgewater Normal	October, 1916
Olive B. Hastings	II	Wheelock's	April, 1912
Mildred Sullivan	I	Miss Neal's Kind. School	September, 1915
Lucretia B. Wood	Kindergarten	Mrs. Perry's Kind. School Wesleyan Academy	September, 1915

Davisville			
Cecelia M. Eldred	I–VIII	Bridgewater Normal	September, 1917
East Falmouth			
‡James F. Peebles	V–VIII	Salem Normal	October, 1916
Margaret Winn	III–IV	Fitchburg Normal	September, 1917
Eleanor K. Williams	I–II	Hyannis Normal	October, 1916
Hatchville			
Doris M. Nickerson	I–VI	Hyannis Normal	September, 1917
North Falmouth			
Minnie B. Noyes	I–V	*Hyannis Normal	January, 1917
Pine Ridge			
Doris E. Grant	I–V	Hyannis Normal	October, 1916
Teaticket			
M. Louise Cole	II–IV	Hyannis Normal	April, 1915
Margaret M. Mullen	I	Lowell Normal	November, 1916
Waquoit			
Mary O. Nickerson	V–VIII	Hyannis Normal	September, 1915
Dorothea Dolloff	I–IV	Hyannis Normal	May, 1912
West Falmouth			
Helen G. Peabody	V–VIII	Danvers High School	September, 1917
Marjorie Bates	I–IV	Bridgewater Normal	September, 1917
Woods Hole			
James O. Wood	VI–VIII	*Wesleyan University	January, 1914
Bertha F. Handy	IV–V	Bridgewater Normal	September, 1917
Amelia F. Dalby	I–III	Bridgewater Normal	November, 1916

*Attended without graduating.
†Resigned November, 1917.
‡Resigned January 1, 1918.

HONOR PUPILS

Having a Percent of 90 or Above for the School Year Ending June 15, 1917.

Lawrence High School—Dorothy Nicol, Ida Small, Agnes Fisher, Arthur Carlson, Ruth Eynon, Edith Lawrence, Katherine Watson.

Falmouth Grammar—Lucina D. Ellis, Rosie Marshall, Miriam Hall, Dorothy Chadwick, Hazel Lawrence.

East Falmouth—John Perry, Elmer A. Robbins, William R. Soares.

West Falmouth—Cecelia Bowman, Dorothy Hamlin.

Woods Hole—Cora L. McAfee, Helen F. Phillips.

NAMES OF PUPILS RECEIVING PALMER BUTTONS, 1916–7.

Falmouth Grammar School, Grade VIII—Hester F. Malley, Ruth G. Howe, Katherine Grew, Catherine Rogers, Marjorie Davis, Helen Lillie, Mary Conant. Maud Dakin, Stanley Hamlin.

Palmer Pins.

Grade VIII—Kathryn Kempton.

Grade VI—Ellena Borg, Theophilis C. Monez, Thomas M. Lawrence.

Palmer Diplomas.

Grade VIII—Malcolm F. Perry.

Grades VI—Emily Anderson, Evelyn A. MacKilligan, Manuel Martin.

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